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PREFACE

AN Office Book for Holy Week for the use of English-speaking Catholics has long been felt to be greatly needed for the devout celebration of the solemnities of Holy Week. It is, therefore, my privilege, having had the liturgical assistance of a Community wishing to follow the Carthusian rule of anonymity, to dedicate to the Glory of God this Holy Week Office Book.

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

ASPERGES

Before High Mass, on Sundays only, the Priest sprinkles the Altar, himself, the Sacred Ministers, Clergy, and People with Holy Water, during which the following Antiphon and Psalm are sung:

Ant. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Ps. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

[*Or in Eastertide, Ant.* I beheld water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia: and all to whom that water came were saved, and shall say, Alleluia.

Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious: and His mercy endureth for ever.]

[1] Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us. (Alleluia.)

R. And grant us Thy salvation. (Alleluia.)

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

[1] *Except on* Passion *and* Palm Sundays.

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THE MASS

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

HEAR us, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who are assembled in this place; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Priest lays aside his Cope, and vests for Mass.

The Priest then says the Preparation before the Altar, and Incense is offered.

THE PREPARATION

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. I will go unto the Altar of God.
R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Judica me, Deus (Ps. 43).

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For Thou art the God of my strength; why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

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3 O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

6 O put thy trust in God : for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

V. I will go unto the Altar of God.

R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

✠ *V.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

(*Priest.*) I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and to

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you, *my brethren*, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, *my brethren*, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

(*Server.*) Almighty God, have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

I confess, &c.[1]

(*Priest.*) Almighty God, have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins. *Amen.*

V. Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us, O God.

R. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.

V. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

[1] At Low Mass or Missa Cantata is said 'and to you, Father'.

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V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

TAKE away from us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our iniquities, that we may be worthy with pure minds to enter into the Holy of Holies; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We pray Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints (*whose relics are here*), that it may please Thee to forgive me all my sins. *Amen.*

At High Mass the Celebrant blesses Incense, censes the Altar, and is himself censed by the Deacon.

THE INTROIT

The Introit may be said, or the Choir may sing it. The Priest then says the Our Father, *followed by this prayer:*

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Priest may say:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt

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love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us.
People. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us.
People. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Priest. Christ, have mercy upon us.
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Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us.
People. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

According to ancient use, here follows the Gloria in Excelsis, when it is ordered to be said :

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Jesu Christ,

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with the Holy ✠ Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then is said or sung by the Priest:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Then follow the Collect or Collects, and the Epistle.

At High Mass, after reading the Epistle privately, the Celebrant reads the Gradual with the Alleluias or Tract, or the Easter Alleluias (and the Sequence). The Sub-deacon then sings the Epistle, after which the Priest reads the Holy Gospel privately at the north end of the Altar, returns to the midst, blesses the Incense and the Deacon, and the Procession is made for the singing of the Holy Gospel.

The Blessing of Incense.

✠ Be thou blessed by Him in whose honour thou art to be burnt.

The Blessing of the Deacon.

Pray, Father, a blessing.

The Lord be in thy heart and on thy lips, that thou mayest worthily and rightly proclaim His Holy Gospel: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Deacon at High Mass sings the Holy Gospel.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

When the text is announced the Choir sings:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel is said or sung:

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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The Procession goes back to the Altar, and then is sung the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, [*Kneel*] AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism

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for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon follows the Creed at High Mass, after which the Sacred Ministers return to the Altar and the Celebrant sings:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

THE OFFERTORY

Either the following or some other appointed for the Day.

THINE, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. 1 *Chron.* 29. 11.

The Elements are now brought to the Altar and prepared, with the following Prayers said by the Priest.

At the offering of the Host.

RECEIVE, O Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, this spotless Host, which I, Thine unworthy servant, do offer unto Thee, my God, the living and the true, for my countless sins, offences, and negligences, for all here present, and for all the faithful in Christ, both living and dead: that it may be profitable both to

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me and to them for salvation unto everlasting life. Amen.

When he biesses the Water to be mingled with the Wine.

O GOD, ✠ Who didst wonderfully create and yet more wonderfully renew the dignity of the nature of man; Grant unto us, that by the mystery set forth by this Water and Wine, we may ever be partakers of the Divine nature of Him Who vouchsafed to be made partaker of our manhood, Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

When hè offers the Chalice.

WE offer unto Thee, O Lord, the Cup of Salvation, humbly beseeching Thy mercy, that it may go up before Thy Divine Majesty with a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

When he makes the Oblation.

IN the spirit of humility, and with a contrite heart, let us be accepted by Thee, O Lord; and so let our sacrifice be offered in Thy sight this day, that it may be well-pleasing unto Thee, O Lord God.

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COME, O Thou the Sanctifier, almighty and everlasting God, and bless ✠ this Sacrifice prepared for Thy holy Name.

At High Mass, the Sub-deacon here receives the paten, which is covered by the end of the veil with which his shoulders are mantled, and goes to his place behind the Celebrant.

Incense is then blessed, and the Oblation is censed, as also the Altar, Priest, Clergy, and People.

BY the intercession of blessed Michael, the Archangel standing at the right hand of the Altar of Incense, and of all His elect, may the Lord vouchsafe to bless ✠ this Incense and to receive it in the odour of sweetness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY this Incense, blessed by Thee, ascend to Thee, O Lord; and may Thy mercy descend upon us.

LET my prayer, O Lord, be set forth in Thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips: O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing.

MAY the Lord kindle in us the fire of His love, and the flame of everlasting charity. Amen.

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Then the Priest washes his hands, saying privately:

I WILL wash my hands in innocency, O Lord : and so will I go to Thine altar;

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving : and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house : and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

O shut not up my soul with the sinners : nor my life with the blood-thirsty;

In whose hands is wickedness : and their right hand is full of gifts.

But as for me, I will walk innocently : O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth right : I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Returning and bowing before the middle of the Altar with joined hands, he says:

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this Oblation which we offer unto Thee in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in

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honour of blessed Mary ever-Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the Saints, that it may be available to their honour and our salvation: and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest then turns to the People and announces the intention of the Mass, and asks the Prayers of the Faithful for various objects.

Extending and joining his hands he says:

PRAY, brethren, that my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

Answer. May the Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, and to our benefit and that of all His holy Church.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine

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Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech Thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. And to all Thy People give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that

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with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Then follows this short Exhortation:

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Then shall this General Confession *be made, by the Priest and all those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, humbly kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord

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Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may hereafter Serve and please Thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) stand up, and turning to the People, say,

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him; Have mercy upon you; pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to Him.

COME unto Me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *S. Matt.* 11. 28.

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *S. John* 3. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of

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all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* 1. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the Propitiation for our sins. 1 *S. John* 2. 1, 2.

Then is said or sung by the Priest:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

THE SURSUM CORDA

V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up unto the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
R. It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say:

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Then follows the Proper Preface, if there be one.

Upon Christmas-day, *and seven days after.*

BECAUSE Thou didst give Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; Who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made

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very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary His mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon Easter-day, *and seven days after.*

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon Ascension-day, *and seven days after.*

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Who, after His most glorious Resurrection, manifestly appeared to all His Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where He is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with Him in glory. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon Whitsunday, *and six days after.*

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to Whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, with a

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sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon the Feast of Trinity *only, may be said.*

WHO art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Or else, if the words 'Holy Father' *be not omitted, this may be said.*

FOR the precious death and merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the sending to us of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; Who are one with Thee in Thy Eternal Godhead. Therefore with Angels, &c.

From Christmas *to* Epiphany.

BECAUSE, by the mystery of the Word made Flesh, a new ray of Thy glory has shone upon the eyes of our minds; that while we know God

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visibly, we may by Him be drawn to the love of things invisible. Therefore with Angels, &c.

On the Epiphany, *and through the Octave.*

BECAUSE that when Thine only-begotten Son manifestly appeared in substance of our flesh, He restored unto us life and light by the new light of His immortality. Therefore with Angels, &c.

From Ash Wednesday *to the* Saturday *before* Passion Sunday.

WHO by this our bodily fast dost overcome the lust within us, dost raise our minds unto Thyself, and dost give unto us not only strength but also the promise of a heavenly reward; through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise, the Dominations adore, and the Powers fear Thy Majesty; the Heavens also and the heavenly Virtues, and the blessed Seraphim glorify it in common exultation. With whom, we beseech Thee, bid that our voices may be admitted in suppliant praise. Therefore with Angels, &c.

From Passion Sunday *up to* Maundy Thursday, *also at Masses of the Cross, the Passion, the Sacred Heart, and of the Precious Blood.*

WHO by the tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind; that whence death arose, thence life

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also might rise again; that he Who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a tree be overcome; through Christ our Lord. Through Whom (*the rest as in Lent*).

From Holy Saturday *to the* Ascension, *except in* Easter-Week.

AT all times indeed to glorify Thee, O Lord, but now more especially when Christ our Passover is sacrificed. For He is the very Lamb Which hath taken away the sin of the world. Who by His death destroyed death, and by His rising again hath restored unto us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

At Masses of the Blessed Virgin.

AND it is meet that we should praise, bless, and magnify Thee on this the . . . . of the blessed and glorious, ever-Virgin Mary, who also, by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, conceived Thine only-begotten Son; and the glory of her virginity still abiding, brought forth to this world the Everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Whom (*the rest as in Lent*).

On Feasts of the Apostles and Evangelists.

AND it is meet that we should humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thou, O everlasting Shepherd,

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wouldest not leave Thy flock; but through Thy blessed Apostles, keep it ever by Thy continual protection; that it may be governed by those rulers whom, in Thy stead, Thou hast appointed over Thy work as shepherds of Thy people. Therefore with Angels, &c.

In Masses of the Dead, and on all Ordinary Days.

THROUGH Christ our Lord; through Whom the Angels praise, the Dominations adore, and the Powers fear Thy Majesty; the Heavens also and the heavenly Virtues, and the blessed Seraphim glorify it in common exultation; with whom, we beseech Thee, bid that our voices may be admitted in suppliant praise. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS

¶ *Priest and People.* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

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THE BENEDICTUS

✠ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the Highest.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

THE CANON

THEREFORE, O most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, we most humbly pray and beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to accept and to bless these Gifts, these Offerings, this holy and unspotted Sacrifice, which we offer unto Thee in the

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first place for Thy Holy Catholic Church; that Thou wouldest be pleased to keep it in peace, to preserve, unite, and govern it throughout the world; and also for Thy servants the Bishops, for our own Bishop *N.*, and for all true believers and worshippers of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids *N.* and *N.*, and of all here present, whose faith Thou perceivest, and whose devotion Thou knowest; for whom we offer unto Thee, or who do themselves offer unto Thee this Sacrifice of praise, for themselves, and for all to whom they are bound, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their safety and salvation: and who pay their vows unto Thee, the Eternal, Living, and True God.

On Christmas-day and during the Octave.

Joining in communion with, and celebrating the most sacred (night) day on which the undefiled virginity of blessed Mary brought forth the Saviour into this world: and reverencing moreover in the first place, the memory of the same glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ:

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On the Epiphany *and during the Octave.*

and celebrating the most sacred day on which Thine Only-begotten Son, co-eternal with Thee in Thy glory, manifestly appeared as man in the reality of our flesh: and reverencing moreover in the first place, the memory of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ:

On Maundy-Thursday.

and celebrating the most sacred day on which our Lord Jesus Christ was delivered up for us; and reverencing moreover in the first place, the memory of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ:

On the Vigil and during the Octave of Easter.

and celebrating the most sacred (night) day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh; and reverencing moreover in the first place, the memory of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ:

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On Ascension-day *and during the Octave.*

and celebrating the most sacred day on which our Lord, Thine Only-begotten Son, did place on the right hand of Thy glory, that substance of our frailty which He had united to Himself; and reverencing moreover in the first place, the memory of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ:

On the Vigil and during the Octave of Pentecost.

and celebrating the most sacred day of Pentecost, on which the Holy Ghost appeared to the Apostles in divers tongues; and reverencing in the first place, the memory of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ:

On all other Days.

and reverencing in the first place, the memory of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ:

as also of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James,

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Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints; for whose merits and prayers do Thou grant that in all things we may be defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Oblation therefore of our service, and of Thy whole family,

On the Vigils and during the Octaves of Easter *and* Pentecost.

which we offer unto Thee for those also whom Thou hast vouchsafed to regenerate by water and the Holy Ghost, granting them remission of all their sins,

On Maundy-Thursday.

which we offer unto Thee in memory of the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ delivered to His disciples the Mysteries of His Body and Blood to be celebrated,

we beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept; and do Thou order Thou our days in Thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which Oblation do Thou, O God,

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we beseech Thee, vouchsafe in all respects, to make blessed, approved, ratified, reasonable, and acceptable; that it may become unto us the Body and Blood of Thy most dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL glory be to Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou, of Thy tender mercy, didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; Who made there (by His one oblation of Himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again: For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took Bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU; Do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise, after supper, He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION

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OF SINS; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.

The Oblation.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, Thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto Thee, the memorial which Thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance His blessed Passion and precious Death, His mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension; rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

The Invocation.

AND we most humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of Thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with Thy Word and Holy Spirit, these Thy gifts and creatures of Bread and Wine; that we, receiving them according to Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His Death and Passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire Thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee

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to grant that, by the merits and Death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His Blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him.

[*A pause is made while the Priest says privately:*

Remember also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaidens (*N. and N.*) who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and now rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, we beseech Thee to grant a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace.]

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity

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of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Then the Priest says or sings the following:

Commanded by His saving precepts, and guided by His divine instruction, we are bold to say—

Our Father . . .

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

He takes the Paten between his first and second finger (at High Mass he receives it from the Deacon, who takes it from the Sub-deacon, who has held it covered with the humeral veil since the Offertory) and says:

DELIVER us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and inasmuch as there is interceding for us the blessed, glorious, and ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, together with Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, Andrew, and all Thy Saints, favourably grant peace in our time, that, being helped by Thy mercy, we may ever be kept free from sin, and safe from all distress; through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reign-

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eth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

V. The peace ✠ of the Lord ✠ be always ✠ with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Placing a Particle of the Host in the Chalice, he says:

LET this commixture, and the consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, be unto us who partake thereof an approach unto everlasting life. Amen.

He covers the Chalice and makes a genuflexion; then bowing down and striking his breast, he says:

THE AGNUS DEI

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

In Masses for the Dead, instead of 'have mercy upon us', *is said twice,* 'Grant them rest', *and lastly,* 'Grant them rest eternal'.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who saidst to Thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace

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I give unto you; Regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will; Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who according to the will of the Father, and by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world; Deliver me, by this Thy most holy Body and Blood, from all mine iniquities, and from every evil; and make me ever to obey Thy commandments; and suffer me never to be separated from Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

LET the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, do presume to receive, turn not to me for judgment and condemnation; but, according to Thy loving-kindness, let it be profitable to me for the receiving of protection and healing, both of body and soul; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

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I WILL receive the Bread of Heaven, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Here the bell is rung, and, striking his breast, he says thrice,

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

He receives the Sacred Body.

WHAT reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that He hath done unto me. I will receive the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will call upon the Lord, Which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

He receives the Precious Blood.

[*If Communion is to be given he shows the Host to the People, saying,*

Behold the Lamb of God, That taketh away the sins of the world.

And then thrice, as before,

LORD, I am not worthy, &c.

Those who are to communicate here go up to the Sanctuary rail. The priest descends from the Altar and says:

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remem-

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brance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.]

After the Communion the Priest at once consumes whatever remains of the Sacred Body and Blood, and the server (or at High Mass the Sub-deacon) pours first a little wine and then wine and water into the Chalice, and the Priest takes the ablutions.

Then the Priest and People say or sing

THE PATER NOSTER

OUR Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

After shall be said as follows.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of

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the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of Thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of Thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Priest, turning to the People, says or sings:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Then follow the Post-Communion Collects.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, Visit, we pray Thee, this Congregation with Thy love and favour; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all

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goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, Whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or some other, according to the Office.

The Priest says or sings:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Go; the Mass is ended (Alleluia, Alleluia).
R. Thanks be to God.

Instead of which, when the Gloria in Excelsis *has been omitted, he says or sings:*

V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

In Masses for the Dead, he substitutes:

✠ May they rest in Peace.
R. Amen.

And the Blessing is omitted.

Bowing before the Altar, he says:

LET the performance of my bounden duty be pleasing to Thee, O Holy Trinity: and grant that this Sacrifice, which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy Majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee, and through Thy mercy obtain Thy gracious favour for myself and all for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Priest then blesses the People.

THE PEACE AND BLESSING

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

At the recitation of the Last Gospel the People stand, kneeling with the Priest at the words, 'And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us'.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to S. John.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that

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Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

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PALM SUNDAY

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PALM SUNDAY

On this day the church commemorates the solemn entry of our Lord into the city of Jerusalem five days before His crucifixion. Palms are solemnly blessed at the Altar before the chief Mass of the day, and distributed to the Faithful. A Procession is made in emulation of those of whom we read in the Gospel as going out to meet Him with palms and Hosannas, and in reparation for the sins of those who deny the deity of our Lord. When the Procession arrives at the door of the Church the singers divide if possible into two groups—one inside the Church, the other outside with the clergy. The ancient hymn 'All glory, laud and honor,' is sung antiphonally through the closed door, and the Cross-bearer then demands entrance. When the doors have been opened the *Benedictus qui venit* is sung and all proceed to the Altar for the Mass.

Terce being said, and after Asperges as usual, the Celebrant with the Sacred Ministers (vested as for Mass, except that the Celebrant will wear a Cope, in place of a Chasuble and Maniple) proceeds to bless branches of palm placed in midst before the Altar, or at the Epistle corner. And first the Choir shall sing the Antiphon.

St. Matthew 21.

HOSANNA to the Son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. O King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

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Then the priest, standing at the Epistle corner, without turning toward the people, sings:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, whom perfectly to love is righteousness, increase and multiply upon us the gifts of thine ineffable grace; and as by the death of thy Son thou hast made us hope for those things in which we believe, grant that by his rising to life again we may attain unto that heavenly country to which we direct our way; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Sub-deacon reads the lesson in the same way as the Epistle at Mass, and at the end kisses the hand of the Celebrant.

The portion of scripture appointed for the lesson is written in the fifteenth chapter of Exodus, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

Exodus 15.

IN those days the children of Israel came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters. And they took their

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journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: and the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold I will rain bread from heaven for you and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out of the land of Egypt: and in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord.

Here endeth the Lesson.

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Then is sung for the Gradual, R. St. John 11.

THE chief priests * and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him * And the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. *V.* And one of them named Caiaphas, being the High Priest that same year, prophesied saying: It is expedient for you, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death, saying: * And the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

Or this, R. St. Matthew 26.

UPON the Mount of Olives He prayed to His Father: Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me. * The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak: Thy will be done. *V.* Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed.

During the singing of the R. the Deacon places the book of Gospels on the Altar; and the Celebrant (the Deacon ministering the incense-boat) places incense in the censer. Then the Deacon says, Cleanse my heart, *takes the book from the Altar, and asks a blessing from the Celebrant. Then, while the Sub-deacon holds the book, the Deacon stands between two Acolytes holding lighted candles, signs*

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the book, censes it and sings the Gospel in the usual way, as below. After which the Sub-deacon carries the book to be kissed by the Celebrant, who is censed by the Deacon.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-sixth chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

St. Matthew 21.

AT that time; when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the Mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them and bring them unto Me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them: and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set Him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way: others cut down branches from the trees, and

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strawed them in the way. And the multitude that went before, and that followed, cried, saying Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

After this the branches are blessed. The Celebrant standing at the Epistle corner, says in the ferial tone for the collect:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

The Collect.

INCREASE, O God, the faith of them that put their trust in thee, and mercifully hear the prayers which we thy humble servants offer unto thy Divine Majesty. Let there come upon us the multitude of thy mercies, and upon these palm branches send down the fulness of thy bles✠sing. And as thou didst multiply upon Noah the blessings of increase when he went forth out of the ark, and also didst greatly enrich Moses and the children of Israel at their departing out of Egypt, figuring thereby the increase and conquests of thy Church: grant that we who now go forth bearing palms and branches of olive may at the latter day go forth to meet Christ, bearing with us the fruit of good works, and with him may enter into everlasting joys, through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the

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unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, who art glorious in the councils of thy saints. For thy creatures serve thee, because they acknowledge thee alone as their God and their Creator: all thy works praise thee together, and thy saints also bless thee: Because with willing voices they confess before the Kings and powers of this world, the great Name of thine only-begotten Son: Before whom stand Angels and Archangels, Thrones and Dominations, and with all the heavenly host, sing the hymn of thy glory, evermore praising thee, and saying:

Then the choir sings the Sanctus:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory:

Hosanna in the highest.

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Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

WE beseech thee, O holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to bl✠ess and hal✠low this creature of olive which thou didst command to put forth from the substance of wood, and which was borne by the dove when she returned to the ark; that whosoever receiveth it may gain protection of body and soul; and may it become to us, O Lord, both a saving remedy and a symbol of thy grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dost gather together that which is dispersed abroad, and dost keep in safety that which thou dost gather; who didst give thy blessing to the multitudes who went forth with palm branches to meet Christ Jesus: bl✠ess also these branches which thy servants faithfully bear for the honour of thy

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Name; that unto whatsoever place they may be brought, all may obtain thy benediction: that so, all power of the adversary may be put to flight, and thy right hand may protect them whom thou hast redeemed, through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the wonderful order of thy Providence wouldst even by insensible things shew us the manner of our salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that the devout hearts of thy faithful people may understand to the health of their souls what the mystery signified, when, as on this day, guided by heavenly light, the multitude went forth to meet their Redeemer, and strawed branches of palms and olive beneath his feet: For the branches of palms set forth his triumph over the prince of death, while the twigs of olive proclaim that the unction of grace had come. For even then the blessed multitude understood what was signified by those things, that our Redeemer, compassionating the miseries of mankind, was about to do battle with the prince of death for the life of the whole world, and by dying, to triumph over him. Therefore they used those things which proclaimed both the triumph of his victory and the riches of his mercy.

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We also with firm faith retaining both the ceremony and its signification, humbly beseech thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, that we whom thou hast made his members, gaining by him and in him victory over the kingdom of death, may be counted worthy to be partakers of his glorious resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst command the dove to proclaim peace to the earth by means of an olive branch, grant, we beseech thee, that these olive branches may be hallowed by thy heavenly bles✠sing, that they may avail for the salvation of all thy people; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

BLE✠SS, O Lord, these branches, and grant that what thy people this day perform bodily in thine honour, they may also accomplish spiritually with constant devotion, by gaining the victory over their enemy, and by mightily loving works of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

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Then the Celebrant, after putting incense into the Censer thrice sprinkles the boughs with Holy Water, saying as he does so, the Antiphon, Thou shalt purge, *without the psalm, and then censes them. Then he says:*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who for our salvation didst send thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world, that by humbling himself unto us, he might bring us back to thee; before whom on his way to Jerusalem, to fulfil the scriptures, the multitude of them that believed, strawed their garments and the branches of palm trees in confident devotion; grant, we beseech thee, that we may prepare before him the way of faith, and that there, every stone of stumbling and rock of offence being put far away, our works may offer to thee living branches of righteousness; and that we may be counted worthy to follow in his steps; who ever liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *R.* Amen.

The blessing being completed, the cleric of greater dignity goes up to the Altar and offers a blessed branch to the Celebrant, who does not genuflect, nor kiss the hand of him who

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gives it. Then the Celebrant, standing before the Altar, turns to the people and distributes the branches first to the senior priest from whom he has received his, then to the Deacon and Sub-deacon, and to the other clergy in order, last of all to the Laity; all genuflecting and kissing the branch and the hand of the Celebrant (except Prelates, if they are present). And when he begins to distribute the branches the following Antiphons are sung by the Choir or Cantor:

THE children of the Hebrews* carrying palms and olive branches, went forth to meet the Lord. And as they went they cried saying, Hosanna in the highest.

(*Another Antiphon.*)

THE children of the Hebrews* spread their garments in the way, and cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

If these are not sufficient, they are repeated until the distribution is finished. Then the Celebrant says or sings:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst cause our Lord Jesus Christ to sit upon a colt, the foal of an ass, and didst teach the throngs of

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people to spread their garments or branches of trees in the way, and to sing Hosanna in his praise: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may follow the example of their innocency, and be deemed worthy to partake of their merit. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Then the Procession is formed. And first the Celebrant puts incense into the censer; and the Deacon, turning to the people, says or sings:

V. Let us go forth in peace.
R. In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The Thurifer goes first with the smoking censer; then the Sub-deacon vested, carrying the cross, between two Acolytes with lighted candles. The clergy follow in order, and last of all the Celebrant with the Deacon on his left, all carrying palm branches; and the following Antiphons are sung, either all, or as many as the length of the procession require.

This or some other hymn is sung during the procession:

THE Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain:
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in His train?

Who best can drink his cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain;
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in His train.

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The martyr first, whose eagle eye
  Could pierce beyond the grave;
Who saw his Master in the sky,
  And called on Him to save.

Like Him, with pardon on His tongue,
  In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong;
  Who follows in His train?

A glorious band, the chosen few
  On whom the Spirit came:
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
  And mocked the cross and flame.

They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
  The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death to feel:
  Who follows in their train?

A noble army: men and boys,
  The matron and the maid;
Around the Saviour's throne rejoice,
  In robes of light arrayed.

They climbed the steep ascent of heaven
  Through peril, toil, and pain:
O God, to us may grace be given
  To follow in their train.

While the Choir is singing outside the church, the Cantor in the Choir, sings the following Antiphons:

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BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Antiphon. St. Matthew 21.
Cum appropinquaret.

WHEN the Lord drew nigh to Jerusalem, he sent before him two of his disciples, saying * Go into the village over against you.

And straightway ye shall find an ass tied and a colt with her; * whereon yet never man sat.

Loose them, * and bring them unto me.

If any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, * that the Lord hath need of them.

And they loosed the colt and brought him to Jesus: * and they put on him their clothes, and he sat upon him.

And as he went, a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; * others cut down branches from the trees and strawed them in the way.

And they that came after cried, saying; * Hosanna, blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the kingdom of our father David; * Hosanna in the highest; have mercy upon us, O Son of David.

Another Antiphon. St. John 12.
Cum audisset.

WHEN the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, * they cut down branches from the palm trees, and went forth to meet him.

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And the children cried saying: * This is he that cometh for the salvation of the people.

This is our Saviour * and the Redeemer of Israel.

How mighty is he, * whom the Thrones and Dominations go forth to meet.

Fear not, O daughter of Sion; * behold thy King cometh unto thee, sitting upon an ass's colt, as it is written.

Hail, O thou King and Creator of the world, * who hast come to redeem us.

Another Antiphon. Ante sex dies.

SIX days before the Passover the Lord came to Bethany: * and when he drew nigh the city of Jerusalem, the children went forth to meet him.

And they carried in their hands branches, of palm trees, * and cried with a loud voice, saying, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed art thou that comest in the multitude of thy mercies; * Hosanna in the highest.

Another Antiphon. Occurrunt turbae.

AND multitudes to-day hasten forth with branches of the palm trees * to greet the Redeemer of the world,

And to render the homage * due to so mighty a victor.

The nations of the earth now proclaim the Son of God; * and throughout the heavens their voices ring in praise of Christ, Hosanna.

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Another Antiphon. Cum angelis et pueris.

AND on this day we also are found among the angels and the children; * and cry unto the conqueror of death, Hosanna in the highest.

Another Antiphon. Turba multa.

THE multitudes * which came together for the feast day, cried unto the Lord : Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

On the return of the Procession, two or four Cantors enter the Church, and shutting the door turn toward the Procession, and sing the first stanza of the following hymn, Gloria Laus, *which stanza is repeated by the Priest and Choir outside who use it for a refrain after each strophe of the hymn.*

For convenience two versions of the hymn are subjoined:

(*a*) *From the American Hymnal:*

ALL glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet Hosanna ring,
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's Royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

R. All glory.

The company of Angels are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply.

R. All glory.

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The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
R. All glory.

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise,
To thee now high exalted our melody we raise.
R. All glory.

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
R. All glory.

(*b*) *A new version adapted to the ancient proper plainsong melody:*

GLORY and laud and honour be to thee, King Christ the Redeemer:
Thou to whom gracious children sang their devout Hosannas.
R. Glory and laud.

Israel's King art thou, king David's glorious offspring, Who, in the Name of the Lord, approachest, blessed Monarch.
R. Glory and laud.

Glory to thee on high the heavenly hosts are proclaiming; Answereth mortal man, respondeth all creation
R. Glory and laud.

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BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The people of the Hebrews went forth to meet thee with palm leaves; With prayers, vows and hymns, behold we come before thee.

R. Glory and laud.

Thee, on thy way to die, they hailed, offering praises: But we lift up our songs to thee forever reigning.

R. Glory and laud.

Pleasing to thee were they; may our devotion be pleasing: Merciful King, kind King, thou whom all goodness pleaseth.

R. Glory and laud.

The Solemn Procession goes to the Sanctuary, and sings:

COME, faithful people, come away,
Your homage to your Monarch pay,
It is the Feast of Palms to-day—
Hosanna in the Highest.

They thronged before, behind, around,
They cast palm branches on the ground,
And, still rose up the joyful sound—
Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is Israel's King! they cry,
Blessed is He that cometh nigh;
In the name of God most High—
Hosanna in the Highest.

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PALM SUNDAY

Thus Saviour to Thy Passion go,
Arrayed in Royalty of woe,
Assumed for sinners here below—
Hosanna in the Highest.

Go, Saviour, thus to triumph borne,
Thy crown shall be a wreath of thorn,
Thy royal garb a robe of scorn—
Hosanna in the Highest.

The reed Thy sceptre mock must be,
Thy Throne the Cross of Calvary,
Where Thou shalt reign from off the Tree—
Hosanna in the Highest.

Then the Mass begins, and, during the Passion and the Gospel all hold branches in their hands.

THE MASS

The Introit. Ps. 22.

BE not Thou far from me, O Lord: Thou art my succour, haste Thee to me. Save me from the lion's mouth: Thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. *Ps. ibid.* My God, My God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint? Be not.

Priest. Lord have mercy upon us.
People. Lord have mercy upon us.
Priest. Lord have mercy upon us.
People. Christ have mercy upon us.
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Priest. Lord have mercy upon us.
People. Lord have mercy upon us.
Priest. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who of Thy tender love towards mankind hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth, &c. *R.* Amen.

And this Collect only is said.

The Epistle. Phil. 3.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name (*here genuflect*); that at the Name of

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Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gradual. Ps. 73.

THOU hast holden me by my right hand: Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel: and after that receive me with glory. *V.* Truly God is loving unto Israel: even unto such as are of a clean heart. Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone: my treadings had well-nigh slipt: and why? I was grieved at the wicked: I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

The Tract. Ps. 22.

MY God, my God, look upon me: why hast Thou forsaken me? *V.* And art so far from my health; and from the words of my complaint? *V.* O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not: and in the night season also I take no rest. *V.* And Thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel. Our fathers hoped in Thee: they trusted in Thee, and Thou didst deliver them. *V.* They called upon Thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in Thee, and were not confounded. *V.* But as for me, I am a worm, and no man; a very scorn

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of men, and the outcast of the people. *V.* All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying: *V.* He trusted in God, that He would deliver him: let Him deliver him, if He will have him. *V.* They stand staring and looking upon me: they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. *V.* Save me from the lion's mouth: Thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. *V.* O praise the Lord, ye that fear Him: magnify Him, all ye of the seed of Jacob. *V.* They shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation; they shall come, and the heavens shall declare His righteousness: unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

The Passion begins at once. Cleanse my heart *is not said, nor is a blessing asked, and lights and incense are not used; neither is* The Lord be with you *said, nor the response,* Glory be to Thee, O Lord, *and in announcing the Passion the sign of the cross is not made. This usage maintains throughout Holy Week.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew. *St. Matthew 26 and 27.*

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said unto His disciples, ✠ Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of Man is

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betrayed to be crucified. *C.* Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill Him. But they said, *S.* Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people. *C.* Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto Him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on His head, as He sat at meat. But when His disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, *S.* To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. *C.* When Jesus understood it, He said unto them, ✠ Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon Me. For ye have the poor always with you; but Me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on My body, she did it for My burial. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. *C.* Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, *S.* What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him

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unto you? *C.* And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto Him, *S.* Where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the passover? *C.* And He said, ✠ Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with My disciples. *C.* And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. Now when the even was come, He sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat, He said, ✠ Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me. *C.* And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began everyone of them to say unto Him, *S.* Lord, is it I? *C.* And He answered and said, ✠ He that dippeth his hand with Me in the dish, the same shall betray Me. The Son of Man goeth as it is written of Him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. *C.* Then Judas, which betrayed Him, answered and said, *S.* Master, is it I? *C.* He said unto him, ✠ Thou hast said. *C.* And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, ✠

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Take, eat; this is My Body. *C.* And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ✠ Drink ye all of it; for this is My Blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom. *C.* And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus unto them, ✠ All ye shall be offended because of Me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. *C.* Peter answered and said unto Him, *S.* Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended, *C.* Jesus said unto him, ✠ Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny Me thrice. *C.* Peter said unto Him, *S.* Though I should die with Thee, yet will I not deny Thee. *C.* Likewise also said all the disciples, Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, ✠ Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. *C.* And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, ✠

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My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with Me. *C.* And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ✠ O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt. *C.* And He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, ✠ What, could ye not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. *C.* He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, ✠ O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done. *C.* And He came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh He to His disciples, and saith unto them, ✠ Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray Me. *C.* And while He yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying, *S.* Whomsoever I shall

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kiss, that same is He: hold Him fast. *C.* And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, *S.* Hail, Master: *C.* and kissed Him. And Jesus said unto him, ✠ Friend, wherefore art thou come? *C.* Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, ✠ Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? *C.* In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, ✠ Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take Me. *C.* But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled. And they that had laid hold on Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed Him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council sought false witness

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against Jesus, to put Him to death; but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, *S.* This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. *C.* And the high priest arose, and said unto Him, *S.* Answerest Thou nothing? what is it which these witness against Thee? *C.* But Jesus held His peace. And the high priest answered and said unto Him, *S.* I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God. *C.* Jesus saith unto him, ✠ Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. *C.* Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, *S.* He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy. What think ye? *C.* They answered and said, *S.* He is guilty of death. *C.* Then did they spit in His face, and buffeted Him; and others smote Him with the palms of their hands, saying, *S.* Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote Thee? *C.* Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, *S.* Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. *C.* But he also

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denied before them all, saying, *S.* I know not what thou sayest. *C.* And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, *S.* This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. *C.* And again he denied with an oath, *S.* I do not know the man. *C.* And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, *S.* Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee. *C.* Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, *S.* I know not the man. *C.* And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny Me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

The Gospel. St. Matt. 27. 1.

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus, to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas who had betrayed Him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, *S.* I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood, *C.* And they said, *S.* What is that to us? see thou to

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that. *C.* And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, *S.* It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. *C.* And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. (Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy, the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.) And Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked Him, saying, *S.* Art Thou the King of the Jews? *C.* And Jesus said unto him, ✠Thou sayest, *C.* And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then saith Pilate unto Him, *S.* Hearest Thou not how many things they witness against Thee? *C.* And He answered him to never a word, insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when

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they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, *S.* Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? *C.* For he knew that for envy they had delivered Him. When he was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, *S.* Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him. *C.* But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, *S.* Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? *C.* They said, *S.* Barabbas. *C.* Pilate saith unto them, *S.* What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ? *C.* They all say unto him, *S.* Let him be crucified. *C.* When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, *S.* I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. *C.* Then answered all the people, and said, *S.* His blood be on us, and on our children. *C.* Then released he Barabbas unto them, and when he had scourged Jesus he delivered Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto Him the whole band of

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soldiers. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, *S.* Hail, King of the Jews. *C.* And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head. And after that they had mocked Him they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. And as they came out they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; him they compelled to bear His cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when He had tasted thereof, He would not drink. And they crucified Him, and parted His garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the prophet, They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched Him there; and set up over His head His accusation written, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with Him; one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, and saying, *S.*

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Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself: if Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. *C.* Likewise also the chief priests mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said, *S.* He saved others, Himself He cannot save: if He be King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, I am the Son of God. *C.* The thieves also, which were crucified with Him, cast the same in His teeth. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, ✠ Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? *C.* That is to say, ✠ My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? *C.* Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, *S.* This man calleth for Elias. *C.* And straightway one of them ran, and took a spunge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink. The rest said, *S.* Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save Him. *C.* Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. (*Here is made a genuflection and a short pause.*) And behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom, and the earth

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did quake, and the rocks rent, and the graves were opened, and many bodies of saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, *S.* Truly this was the Son of God.

(*Here the Prayer Book Gospel ends.*)

C. And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him : Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple : he went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock : and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day, that followed the

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day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, *S.* Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. *C.* Pilate said unto them. *S.* Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. *C.* So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

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The Offertory. Ps. 69.

THY rebuke hath broken my heart: I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me. They gave me gall to eat: and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

This hymn or some other may be sung:

RIDE on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

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Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

PROPER PREFACE *for* Palm Sunday

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Because thou hast established the salvation of mankind upon the wood of the Cross; that, whence death arose, thence also life might rise again: and that he who by a tree had conquered, by this Tree might likewise be overcome, through Jesus Christ our Lord: Therefore with Angels and Archangels, &c.

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The Secret.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the Gifts now offered in the sight of Thy Majesty, may obtain for us both the grace of devotion, and the everlasting happiness which we have for our aim.

The Communion.

St. Matthew 26. O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it: Thy will be done.

The Postcommunion.

THROUGH the operation of this Mystery, O Lord, may both our evil inclinations be done away, and our righteous desires be consummated in satisfaction. Through Christ, &c.

In private Masses, the Gospel at the end is St. Matthew 26. 1, 'At that time, when they drew nigh.'

VESPERS

The Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are first said secretly. Then the Priest intones:*

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

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Psalm 110. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE Lord said unto my Lord, * Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion : * be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

In the day of thy power shall thy people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship : * the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord sware and will not repent, * thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedech.

The Lord upon thy right hand * shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen, * he shall fill the places with the dead bodies ; and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way : * therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory be, *&c. after every Psalm until the Matins of Thursday.*

Antiphon. The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand.

Antiphon. The works of the Lord are great.

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PALM SUNDAY

Psalm 111. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, * secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, * sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour: * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works * that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: * he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; * all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever; * and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people: * he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: * a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

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Antiphon. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Antiphon. He that feareth the Lord.

Psalm 112. *Beatus vir.*

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord, * he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth: * and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings: * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is stablished and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor: * and his righteousness remaineth forever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

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The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; * he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Antiphon. He that feareth the Lord hath great delight in His commandments.

Antiphon. Blessed be the Name.

Psalm 113. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants, * O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord * from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's Name is praised * from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen, * and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high, * and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!

He taketh up the simple out of the dust, * and lifteth the poor out of the mire:

That he may set him with the princes, * even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, * and to be a joyful mother of children.

Antiphon. Blessed be the Name of the Lord for ever and ever.

Antiphon. As for our God.

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Psalm 114. *In exitu Israel.*

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt, * and the house of Jacob from among the strange people.

Judah was his sanctuary, * and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled: * Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest: * and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, * and ye little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, * and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Psalm 115. *Non nobis, Domine.*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise, * for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God?

As for our God, he is in heaven: * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.

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They have mouths, and speak not: * eyes have they, and see not.

They have ears, and hear not: * noses have they, and smell not.

They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not: * neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all such as put their trust in them.

But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord: * he is their succor and defence.

Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord: * he is their helper and defender.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord: * he is their helper and defender.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; * even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the Lord, * both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more, * you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord * who made heaven and earth.

All the whole heavens are the Lord's: * the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not thee, O Lord, * neither all they that go down into silence.

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But we will praise the Lord * from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

Antiphon. As for our God, He is in Heaven: He hath done whatsoever pleased Him.

Chapter. *Phil.* 2. 5-7.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Thanks be to God, *is said after the Short Chapter.*

Hymn. *Vexilla Regis.*

THE royal banners forward go,
The cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

There whilst he hung, his sacred side
By soldier's spear was opened wide,
To cleanse us in the precious flood
Of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told
In true prophetic song of old,
How God the heathen's King should be;
For God is reigning from the tree.

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O tree of glory, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,
How bright in purple robe it stood,
The purple of a Saviour's blood!

Upon its arms, like balance true,
He weighed the price for sinners due,
The price which none but he could pay,
And spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
As by the cross thou dost restore,
So rule and guide us evermore.

V. Deliver me, O Lord, from the wicked man.

R. From the evil man deliver me.

SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Antiphon. For it is written:

Magnificat. St. Luke 1. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

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He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory &c.

Antiphon. For it is written, I shall smite the shepherd and the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee: there shall ye see me, saith the Lord.

Priest. *V.* The Lord be with you:
Choir. *R.* And with thy spirit.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth, &c. *R.* Amen.

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Priest. *V.* The Lord be with you:
Choir. *R.* And with thy spirit.
Priest. *V.* Let us bless the Lord:
Choir. *R.* Thanks be to God.
Priest. *V.* ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

If Compline does not immediately follow, the Priest says the Our Father *inaudibly, and after it:*

V. The Lord grant us His peace:
R. And life everlasting. Amen.

After vespers, following these words, and at the other hours which are terminated with them, is said or sung one of the

FINAL ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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HAIL, O Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Queen of Angel Worlds on high;
Hail, O Rod to Jesse given,
Blessed Portal of the sky.

Hail, O Lady, bright and glorious,
Mary, peerless in thy fame;
Virgin o'er sin's stain victorious,
We thine intercession claim.

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V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O merciful God, thy protection to our frailty; that we who commemorate Mary the Virgin and Mother of God, may rise from our iniquities by the help of her intercession. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

2. *After Compline on Holy Saturday:*

Regina coeli laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of

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life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

After the Antiphon is said:

V. ✠The Divine help remain with us always.

R. Amen.

COMPLINE

The Reader shall begin:

V. Bid, Sir, a blessing.

Blessing. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *R.* Amen.

Short Lesson. 1 *St. Peter* 5. 8-9.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God. *V.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *R.* Who hath made heaven and earth. Our Father (*entirely in secret*).

Then the Officiant shall make Confession:

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault.

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Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Choir shall answer:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren (*or* Sisters), and you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *shall be said,* to thee, Father (*or* Mother), and thee, Father (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

After the Absolution shall be said:

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour.

R. And let thine anger cease from us.

V. O God, make speed to save me.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father. As it was in the beginning.

Antiphon. Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Antiphon. Have mercy.

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Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me, when I call, O God of my righteousness :* thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble ; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor :* and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly :* when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not :* commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness,* and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say,* who will shew us any good?

Lord, lift thou up,* the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart,* since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:* for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31. *In te, Domine.*

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust ;* let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

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Bow down thine ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, * that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle; * be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me: * for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit: * for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, thou art my hope, and my strong hold: * my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter * and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers, * his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night; * nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in

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darkness; * nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; * but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold * and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; * thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, * that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: * I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

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COMPLINE

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord, * all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, * even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, * and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth * give thee blessing out of Sion.

Antiphon. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.

Hymn. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favor, thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

Short Chapter. *Jer.* 14. 9.

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

R. Thanks be to God.

Short R. Into thy hands, O Lord, * I commend my spirit. Into thy.

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V. For thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, thou God of truth. *R.* I commend. Into thy. *V.* Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye. *R.* Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Antiphon. Save us.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father. As it was.

Antiphon. Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping: that awake we may watch with Christ, and may sleep in peace.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace: and let thy blessing be always upon us. Through our Lord Jesus

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Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Let us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Blessing. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and keep us. *R.* Amen.

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After the Antiphon is said:

V. ✠ The Divine help remain with us always.
R. Amen.

Then shall be said secretly Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe.

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THE 'STABAT MATER'

does not form part of the Holy Week liturgical services, but is here inserted for convenience, when said or sung in non-liturgical devotions.

AT the cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful mother weeping,
Where He hung, the dying Lord ;
For her soul of joy bereaved,
Bowed with anguish deeply grieved,
Felt the sharp and piercing sword.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed
Now was she, that mother blessed
Of the sole-begotten One ;
Deep the woe of her affliction,
When she saw the crucifixion
Of her ever-glorious Son.

Who, on Christ's dear mother gazing,
Pierced by anguish so amazing,
Born of woman, would not weep ?
Who, on Christ's dear mother thinking,
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
Would not share her sorrows deep ?

For His people's sins chastised,
She beheld her Son despised,
Scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined :
Saw Him then from judgment taken,
And in death by all forsaken,
Till His spirit He resigned.

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Jesu, may her deep devotion
Stir in me the same emotion,
  Fount of love, Redeemer kind;
That my heart fresh ardour gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
  May with Thee acceptance find.

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MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

AT MASS, VESPERS, AND COMPLINE

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AT MASS

The Introit. Ps. 35.

PLEAD thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: and fight thou against them that fight against me. Lay hand upon the shield and buckler: and stand up to help me. *Ps. ibid.* Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. Plead thou my cause, &c.

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who through our infirmity so often fail in time of difficulty, may be endowed with new vigour through the interceding Passion of thy Son, who with thee, &c.

If no commemoration is to be made, then one of the two following Collects is to be said. A Collect for the Departed may be interposed if necessary.

Second Collect: Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of thy Church, that being freed from danger

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without, and purged from error within, she may serve thee in security and freedom. Through Christ, &c.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of all the Faithful, look with favor upon thy servant *N.* whom thou hast willed to place over thy Church (in this Diocese); grant, we beseech thee, that his word and good example may be conducive to the profit of those over whom he is placed, and that together with the flock committed unto him he may attain to everlasting life. Through Christ, &c.

The Epistle. Isa. 63. 1.

WHO is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

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And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth. I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit; therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him? that led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to

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make himself an everlasting name? that led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble? As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting. O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name. *R.* Thanks be to God.

The Gradual. Ps. 35.

AWAKE, and stand up to judge my quarrel: avenge thou my cause, my God and my Lord.

V. Bring forth the spear, and stop

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the way against them that persecute me.

The Tract. *Ps.* 103.

O LORD, deal not with us after our sins: nor reward us according to our wickednesses.

V. *Ps.* 79. O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon: for we are come to great misery.

(*Here kneel.*)

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.

The Gospel. *St. Mark* 14. 1.

AFTER two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. But they said, *S.* Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people. *C.* And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, *S.* Why was this waste of the ointment made? for it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been

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given to the poor. *C.* And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, ✠ Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. *C.* And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him. And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him. *S.* Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover? *C.* And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, ✠ Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will shew you a large upper room

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furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. *C.* And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, ✠ Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. *C.* And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, *S.* Is it I? and another said, Is it I? *C.* And he answered and said unto them ✠ It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. *C.* And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, ✠ Take, eat, this is my body. *C.* And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, ✠ This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day I drink it new in the kingdom of God. *C.* And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. And Jesus saith unto them, ✠ All ye shall be offended because of me this night:

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for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. *C.* But Peter said unto him. *S.* Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. *C.* And Jesus saith unto him, ✠ Verily, I say unto thee, that this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. *C.* But he spake the more vehemently, *S.* If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. *C.* Likewise also said they all. And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, ✠ Sit ye here, while I shall pray. *C.* And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, ✠ My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. *C.* And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, ✠ Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee: take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. *C.* And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and said unto Peter, ✠ Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly

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is ready, but the flesh is weak. And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. *C.* And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, ✠ Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand. *C.* And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, *S.* Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. *C.* And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, *S.* Master, master: *C.* and kissed him. And they laid their hands on him, and took him. And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered and said unto them, ✠ Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves, to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. *C.* And they all for-

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sook him, and fled. And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked. And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, *S.* We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. *C.* But neither so did their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, *S.* Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? *C.* But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, *S.* Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? *C.* And Jesus said, ✠ I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the

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right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. *C.* Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, *S.* What need we any further witnesses? ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? *C.* And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on him, and cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, *S.* Prophesy: *C.* and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands. And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: and when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, *S.* And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. *C.* But he denied, saying, *S.* I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. *C.* And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, *S.* This is one of them. *C.* And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, *S.* Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. *C.* But he began to curse and to swear, saying, *S.* I know not this man of whom ye speak. *C.* And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

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The Offertory. Ps. 143. 9–10.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from mine enemies: for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

The Secret.

MAY the mighty power of this sacrifice, O Almighty God, so cleanse us, that we may thereby be brought in greater purity to that which is its foundation.

Additional Secrets. Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

DEFEND us, O Lord, who art engaged in these holy mysteries that we may cleave to heavenly things, and serve thee with both mind and body.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, look favorably upon the Gifts here offered, and cherish under the governance of thy constant care thy servant *N.*, whom thou hast been pleased to set as Pastor over thy Church in this Diocese.

The Communion. Ps. 35. 26.

LET them be put to confusion and shame together, that rejoice at my trouble: let them be clothed with

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rebuke and dishonor, that boast themselves against me.

The Postcommunion.

MAY thy holy Mysteries, O Lord, endue us with a heavenly fervor, through which their celebration may afford us no less joy than their fruit. Through, &c.

Additional Postcommunions. Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

WEbeseech thee, O Lord our God, that thou wilt not allow those whom thou dost deign to make partakers with God, to be exposed to perils from man. Through Christ.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to guard us who have now received this holy sacrament, and ever save and defend together with the flock committed unto him, thy servant *N.*, whom thou hast been pleased to set as Shepherd over thy Church in this Diocese.

Over the People.

Let us pray.

Bow down your heads before God.

The Collect.

HELP us, O God of our salvation, and grant that we may come with joy to the remembrance of these benefits by which thou didst deign to restore our fallen nature. Through, &c.

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VESPERS

The Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are first said secretly. Then the Priest intones:*

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be. *R.* As it was.
Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Antiphon. The Lord hath inclined his ear unto me.

Psalm 116. *Dilexi, quoniam.*

I AM well pleased,* that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;
That he hath inclined his ear unto me, * therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The snares of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord;* O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;* yea, our God is merciful.
The Lord preserveth the simple;* I was in misery and he helped me.
Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul:* for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

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And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death,* mine eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord* in the land of the living.

Antiphon. The Lord hath inclined his ears unto me.

Antiphon. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people.

Psalm 116. v. 10.

Credidi, propter quod.

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak: but I was sore troubled:* I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord* for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation,* and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people.* Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant;* I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people,* in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

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Antiphon. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people.

Antiphon. I called upon the Lord, and he heard me.

Psalm 120. *Ad Dominum.*

WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord, * and he heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, * and from a deceitful tongue.

What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? * even mighty and sharp arrows with hot burning coals.

Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech, * and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!

My soul hath long dwelt among them * that are enemies unto peace.

I labour for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, * they make them ready to battle.

Antiphon. I called upon the Lord: and he heard me.

Antiphon. My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121. *Levavi oculos.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, * from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord, * who hath made heaven and earth.

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He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: * the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand:

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, * neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Antiphon. My help cometh even from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 122. *Laetatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, * we will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, * O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment, * even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * they shall prosper that love thee.

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Peace be within thy walls, * and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, * I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God * I will seek to do thee good.

Antiphon. I was glad when they said unto me.

Short Chapter. *Jeremiah* 11. 20.

BUT, O Lord of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

R. Thanks be to God.

Hymn. *Vexilla Regis.*

THE royal banners forward go;
The cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations God, saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the tree.

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O tree of beauty, tree of light!
O tree with royal purple dight!
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest.

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung.
The price of human kind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
This holy Passion-tide, avail
To give fresh merit to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

V. Deliver me, O Lord, from the wicked man.
R. From the evil man deliver me.
Antiphon. Thou couldest have.

SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Magnificat. St. Luke 1. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

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He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be &c.

Antiphon. Thou couldest have no power at all against me : except it were given thee from above.

The following Prayers are said, kneeling :

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation;

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me.

R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

V. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last.

R. And be gracious unto thy servants.

V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

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R. As we do put our trust in thee.

V. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.

R. And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

V. Let us pray for our Bishop *N.*

R. May the Lord keep him, quicken him, bless him upon earth, and give him not over unto the desire of his enemies.

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance.

R. Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

V. Be mindful of thy congregation.

R. Which thou hast possessed from the beginning.

V. Peace be within thy walls.

R. And plenteousness within thy palaces.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe to grant, O Lord, to all such as have done good unto us, eternal life for thy Name's sake. Amen.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

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V. For our absent brethren.

R. O Lord, save thy servants which put their trust in thee.

V. For those in affliction and in captivity.

R. Deliver them, O God of Israel, out of all their tribulations.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And out of Sion deliver them.

V. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts.

R. Shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

V. Arise, O Christ, and help us.

R. And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

AID us, O God of our salvation, and grant us to rejoice in the memorial of those benefits by which thou hast deigned to effect our restoration. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you :

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord :

R. Thanks be to God.

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V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

If Compline does not immediately follow, the Priest says the Our Father *inaudibly, and after it,*

V. The Lord grant us His peace:
R. And life everlasting, Amen.

After vespers, following these words, and at the other hours which are terminated with them, is said or sung one of the

FINAL ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

1. *Until Compline of Wednesday in Holy Week:*

Ave Regina coelorum.

HAIL, O Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Queen of Angel Worlds on high;
Hail, O Rod to Jesse given,
Blessed Portal of the sky.

Hail, O Lady, bright and glorious,
Mary, peerless in thy fame;
Virgin o'er sin's stain victorious,
We thine intercession claim.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Virgin.
R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O merciful God, thy protection to our frailty; that we who commemorate

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Mary the Virgin and Mother of God, may rise from our iniquities bythe help of her intercession. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

2. *After Compline on Holy Saturday:*

Regina coeli laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

After the Antiphon is said:

V. ✠ The Divine help remain with us always.
R. Amen.

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COMPLINE

The Reader shall begin :

V. Bid, Sir, a blessing.

Blessing. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *R.* Amen.

Short Lesson. 1 *St. Peter* 5. 8–9

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God. *V.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *R.* Who hath made heaven and earth. Our Father (*entirely in secret*).

Then the Officiant shall make Confession :

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren, (or Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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The Choir shall answer:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) and you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *shall be said,* to you, Father, (*or* Mother,) and you, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

After the Absolution shall be said:

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour.

R. And let thine anger cease from us.

V. O God, make speed to save me.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be. As it was.

Antiphon. Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Antiphon. Save me.

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Psalm 6. *Domine, ne in furore.*

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak :* O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled :* but Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul :* O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For in death no man remembereth thee :* and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed ;* and water my couch with my tears.

My beauty is gone for very trouble ;* and worn away because of all mine enemies.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity ;* for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my petition ;* the Lord will receive my prayer.

All mine enemies shall be confounded and sore vexed :* they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm 7, i. *Domine, Deus meus.*

O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust ;* save me from all them that persecute me and deliver me.

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Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in pieces,* while there is none to help.

O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing ;* or if there be any wickedness in my hands ;

If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me; yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy ;

Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me ;* yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust.

Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies :* arise up for me in the judgment that thou hast commanded.

And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee : * for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.

The Lord shall judge the people; give sentence with me, O Lord,* according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that is in me.

O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end ; * but guide thou the just.

For the righteous God * trieth the very hearts and reins.

Psalm 7, ii. *Justum adjutorium meum.*

My help cometh of God, * who preserveth them that are true of heart.

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God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient,* and God is provoked every day.

If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword;* he hath bent his bow and made it ready.

He hath prepared for him the instruments of death;* he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

Behold, he travaileth with mischief,* he hath conceived sorrow and brought forth ungodliness.

He hath graven and digged up a pit,* and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.

For his travail shall come upon his own head,* and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.

I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness:* and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.

Antiphon. Save me, O Lord, for thy mercy's sake.

Hymn. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favor, thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

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O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

Short Chapter. *Jer.* 14. 9.

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name; leave us not, O Lord our God. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Short R. Into thy hands, O Lord, * I commend my spirit. Into thy. *V.* For thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, thou God of truth. *R.* I commend. *V.* Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye. *R.* Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Antiphon. Save us.

SONG OF SIMEON.

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father. As it was.

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Antiphon. Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping: that awake we may watch with Christ, and may sleep in peace.

Then shall be said, kneeling:

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*secretly*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. I believe in God (*secretly*). *V.* The resurrection of the body. *R.* And the life everlasting, Amen. *V.* Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers. *R.* And worthy to be praised, and glorious for ever. *V.* Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost. *R.* Let us praise, and magnify him for ever. *V.* Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven. *R.* And worthy to be praised, and glorious and highly exalted for ever. *V.* The Almighty and merciful Lord bless and keep us. *R.* Amen. *V.* Vouchsafe O Lord, this night. *R.* To keep us without sin. *V.* Have mercy upon us, O Lord. *R.* Have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us. *R.* As our trust is in thee. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee. *V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

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Let us pray.

The Collect.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and let thy blessing be always upon us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Let us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Blessing. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and keep us. *R.* Amen.

And May the souls of the faithful *shall not be said, but immediately shall be said one of the following Antiphons, according to the season:*

After vespers, following these words and at the other hours which are terminated with them, is said or sung one of the

FINAL ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

1. *Until Compline of Wednesday in Holy Week:*

Ave Regina coelorum.

HAIL, O Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Queen of Angel Worlds on high;
Hail, O Rod to Jesse given,
Blessed Portal of the sky.

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Hail, O Lady, bright and glorious,
Mary, peerless in thy fame;
Virgin o'er sin's stain victorious,
We thine intercession claim.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Virgin.
R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O merciful God, thy protection to our frailty; that we who commemorate Mary the Virgin and Mother of God, may rise from our iniquities by the help of her intercession. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

2. *After Compline on Holy Saturday:*

Regina coeli laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

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Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

After the Antiphon is said:

V. ✠ The Divine help remain with us always.
R. Amen.

Then shall be said secretly Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe.

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TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

AT MASS, VESPERS, AND COMPLINE

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TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

AT MASS

The Introit. Gal. 6.

BUT as for us, it behoveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection; by whom we were saved, and obtained our freedom. *Ps. 67.* God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us. But as for us.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, grant us to celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's passion, that we may be worthy to receive thy pardon. Through the same Christ.

Second Collect. Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of thy Church, that being freed from danger without and purged from error within she may serve thee in security and freedom. Through Christ, &c.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of all the Faithful, look with favor upon thy servant *N.* whom thou hast

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willed to place over thy Church (in this Diocese); grant, we beseech thee, that his word and good example may be conducive to the profit of those over whom he is placed, and that together with the flock committed unto him he may attain to everlasting life. Through Christ, &c.

The Epistle. *Isa.* 50. 5.

THE Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the Name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of

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your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

The Gradual. Ps. 35. 13, 1, 2.

WHEN they were sick I put on sackcloth and humbled my soul with fasting: and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom. *V.* Plead thou, my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: and fight thou against them that fight against me. Lay hand upon the shield and buckler: and stand up to help me.

The Gospel. St. Mark 15. 1.

C. And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him. *S.* Art thou the King of the Jews? *C.* And he answering said unto him, ✠ Thou sayest it. *C.* And the chief priests accused him of many things; but he answered nothing. And Pilate asked him again, saying, *S.* Answerest thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against thee. *C.* But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And

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there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, *S.* Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? *C.* For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, *S.* What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? *C.* And they cried out again, *S.* Crucify him. *C.* Then Pilate said unto them, *S.* Why, what evil hath he done? *C.* And they cried out the more exceedingly, *S.* Crucify him, *C.* And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, and began to salute him, *S.* Hail, King of the Jews! *C.* And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped

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him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour; and they crucified him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, *S.* Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself, and come down from the cross. *C.* Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes. *S.* He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from

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the cross, that we may see and believe. *C.* And they that were crucified with him reviled him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, ✠ Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? *C.* which is, being interpreted, ✠ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *C.* And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, *S.* Behold, he calleth Elias. *C.* And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, *S.* Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. *C.* And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. (*Here a genuflection is made and a short pause.*) And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. *C.* And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, *S.* Truly this man was the Son of God: (*Here the Gospel from the Book of Common Prayer ends.*) *C.* There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome, (who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up

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with him unto Jerusalem. And now when the even was come, because it was the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

The Offertory. Ps. 140. 4.

KEEP me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly: preserve me from the wicked men.

The Secret.

WE beseech, O Lord, that this sacrifice may restore us to the place whence we have fallen by sin, who now have recourse to this salutary fast in preparation for it, through Christ our Lord, &c.

Additional Secrets. Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

DEFEND us, O Lord, who art engaged in these holy mysteries that we may cleave to heavenly things,

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and serve thee with both mind and body.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, look favorably upon the Gifts here offered; and cherish under the governance of thy constant care thy servant *N.*, whom thou hast been pleased to set as Pastor over thy Church in this Diocese.

The Postcommunion.

BY the sanctifying power of thy mysteries, O Almighty God, may both our evil inclinations be dispelled and also eternal remedies accrue to us. Through our Lord, &c.

Additional Postcommunions. Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord our God, that thou wilt not allow those whom thou dost deign to make partakers with God, to be exposed to perils from man. Through Christ.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to guard us who have now received this holy Sacrament, and ever save and defend together with the flock committed unto him, thy servant *N.*, whom thou hast been pleased to set as shepherd over thy Church in this Diocese.

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AT MASS

Over the People.

Let us pray.

Bow down your heads before God.

The Collect.

MAY thy mercy, O God, thoroughly purge our nature from every taint of the old Adam, and also make us able and ready to receive the new Adam, through our Lord, &c.

VESPERS

The Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are first said secretly. Then the Priest intones:*

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be. *R.* As it was.

Antiphon. Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Antiphon. O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Psalm 123. *Ad te levavi oculos meos.*

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes,* O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; * even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: * for we are utterly despised.

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Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy,* and with the despitefulness of the proud.

Antiphon. O thou that dwellest in the heavens, have mercy upon us.

Antiphon. Our help standeth.

Psalm 124. *Nisi quia Dominus.*

IF the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say,* if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;

They had swallowed us up quick,* when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us,* and the stream had gone over our soul.

The deep waters of the proud * had gone over our soul.

But praised be the Lord,* who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler:* the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Our help standeth in the name of the Lord,* who hath made heaven and earth.

Antiphon. Our help standeth in the name of the Lord.

Antiphon. Round about his people.

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Psalm 125. *Qui confidunt.*

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion,* which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem,* even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous; * lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

Do well, O Lord: * unto those that are good and true of heart.

As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness,* the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Antiphon. Round about his people standeth the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

Antiphon. The Lord hath done great things.

Psalm 126. *In convertendo.*

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion,* then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,* and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen,* the Lord hath done great things for them.

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Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already ;* whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord,* as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears * shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed,* shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Antiphon. The Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.

Antiphon. May the Lord build.

Psalm 127. *Nisi Dominus.*

EXCEPT the Lord build the house ; * their labor is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city,* the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labor that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness ; * for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb * are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant ; * even so are the young children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : * they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

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Antiphon. May the Lord build the house for us, and keep the city.

Short Chapter. *Jeremiah* 11. 20.

BUT, O Lord of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: *R.* Thanks be to God.

Hymn. *Vexilla Regis.*

THE royal banners forward go,
The cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

There whilst he hung, his sacred side
By soldier's spear was opened wide,
To cleanse us in the precious flood
Of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told
In true prophetic song of old,
How God the heathen's King should be;
For God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of glory, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,
How bright in purple robe it stood,
The purple of a Saviour's blood!

Upon its arms, like balance true,
He weighed the price for sinners due,
The price which none but he could pay,
And spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

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To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
As by the cross thou dost restore,
So rule and guide us evermore.

V. Deliver me, O Lord, from the wicked man.

R. From the evil man deliver me.

Antiphon. I have power.

SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Magnificat. St. Luke 1. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

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He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Antiphon. I have power to lay down my life, and I have power to take it again.

The following Prayers are said, kneeling:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation;
R. But deliver us from evil.
V. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me.
R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
V. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last.
R. And be gracious unto thy servants.
V. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.
R. As we do put our trust in thee.
V. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.
R. And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
V. Let us pray for our Bishop *N.*
R. May the Lord keep him, quicken him, bless him upon earth, and give him not over unto the desire of his enemies.

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V. O Lord, save the State.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance.

R. Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

V. Be mindful of thy congregation.

R. Which thou hast possessed from the beginning.

V. Peace be within thy walls.

R. And plenteousness within thy palaces.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, as their reward who do us good the gift of everlasting life, for thy Name's sake. Amen.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren.

R. O Lord, save thy servants which put their trust in thee.

V. For those in affliction and in captivity.

R. Deliver them, O God of Israel, out of all their tribulations.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And out of Sion deliver them.

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V. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts.

R. Shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

V. Arise, O Christ, and help us.

R. And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

MAY thy mercy, O God, thoroughly purge our nature from every taint of the old Adam, and also make us able and ready to receive the new Adam, through our Lord, &c.

COMPLINE

The Reader shall begin:

V. Bid, Sir, a blessing.

Blessing. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *R.* Amen.

Short Lesson. 1 *St. Peter* 5. 8-9.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God. *V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R.* Who hath

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made heaven and earth. Our Father (*entirely in secret*).

Then the Officiant shall make Confession:

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Choir shall answer:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *shall be said,* to thee, Father, (*or* Mother,) and thee, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord

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grant to us pardon, absolution and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

After the Absolution shall be said:

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour.
R. And let thine anger cease from us.
V. O God, make speed to save me.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
V. Glory be. As it was.
Antiphon. Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of Eternal glory.
Antiphon. Thou shalt.

Psalm 12. *Salvum me fac.*

HELP me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left; * for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.

They talk of vanity every one with his neighbor: * they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.

The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips, * and the tongue that speaketh proud things;

Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail, * we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?

Now for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy, * and because of the deep sighing of the poor,

I will up saith the Lord; * and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.

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The words of the Lord are pure words :* even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord,* thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.

The ungodly walk on every side :* when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

Psalm 13. *Usque quo, Domine?*

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O Lord; for ever? * how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? * how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God :* lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: * for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in thy mercy ;* and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me: * yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most highest.

Psalm 16. *Conserva me, Domine.*

PRESERVE me, O God: * for in thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the

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Lord, * thou art my God; my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, * and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god * shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, * neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: * thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; * yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning: * my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God alway before me: * for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad and my glory rejoiced: * my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell; * neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy; * and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Antiphon. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve him for ever.

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TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Hymn. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favor, thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

Short Chapter. *Jer.* 14. 9.

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name; leave us not, O Lord our God. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Short R. Into thy hands, O Lord, * I commend my spirit. Into thy. *V.* For thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, thou God of truth. *R.* I commend. *V.* Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye. *R.* Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Antiphon. Save us.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

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For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles ; and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father. As it was.

Antiphon. Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping : that awake we may watch with Christ, and may sleep in peace.

Then shall be said, kneeling:

LORD, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father (*secretly*). *V.* And lead us not into temptation. *R.* But deliver us from evil. I believe in God (*secretly*). *V.* The resurrection of the body. *R.* And the life everlasting. Amen. *V.* Blessed art thou, O Lord, God of our fathers. *R.* And worthy to be praised, and glorious for ever. *V.* Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost. *R.* Let us praise, and magnify him for ever. *V.* Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven. *R.* And worthy to be praised, and glorious and highly exalted for ever. *V.* The Almighty and merciful Lord bless and keep us. *R.* Amen. *V.* Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night. *R.* To keep us without sin. *V.* Have mercy upon us. O Lord. *R.* Have mercy

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upon us. *V.* O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us. *R.* As our trust is in thee. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* And let my cry come unto thee. *V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy Angels dwell therein, to preserve us in peace; and let thy blessing be always upon us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

And May the souls of the faithful *shall not be said, but immediately shall be said one of the following Antiphons, according to the season:*

FINAL ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

1. *Until Compline of Wednesday in Holy Week:*

Ave Regina coelorum.

HAIL, O Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Queen of Angel Worlds on high;
Hail, O Rod to Jesse given,
Blessed Portal of the sky.

Hail, O Lady, bright and glorious,
Mary, peerless in thy fame;
Virgin o'er sin's stain victorious,
We thine intercession claim.

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V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O merciful God, thy protection to our frailty; that we who commemorate Mary the Virgin and Mother of God, may rise from our iniquities by the help of her intercession. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

2. *After Compline on Holy Saturday:*
Regina coeli laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia;
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia;
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

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After the Antiphon is said:

V. ✠The Divine help remain with us always.

R. Amen.

Then shall be said secretly Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe.

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WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

AT MASS, VESPERS, AND COMPLINE

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WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

AT MASS

Phil. 2. 10.

AT the Name of Jesus let every knee bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: for the Lord became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross: therefore the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father. *Ps.* 102. O Lord, hear my prayer: and let my crying come unto thee. At the Name, &c.

After the Kyrie *is said:*

Priest. Let us pray.
Deacon. Let us bend the knee.
Subdeacon. Arise.

The Celebrant does not genuflect, but the sacred ministers do so in the order of their rank. The Subdeacon rises first, but the pause should be very slight.

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who labor under the ever-pressing burden of afflictions by reason of our transgression, may mercifully be relieved through the Passion of thine only-

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begotten Son, who with thee liveth and reigneth, &c.

The Lesson. *Isa.* 53.

WHO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who

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shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Gradual. Ps. 69.

HIDE not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: O haste thee, and hear me.

V. Save me, O God: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is.

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The Collect.

O GOD, who didst will that for our sakes thy Son should be disgraced on the gibbet of the Cross: grant us thy servants, to attain to the grace of his resurrection life. Through the same.

Second Collect: Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of thy Church, that being freed from danger without, and purged from error within, she may serve thee in security and freedom. Through Christ, &c.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of all the Faithful, look with favor upon thy servant *N.*, whom thou hast willed to place over thy Church (in this Diocese); grant, we beseech thee, that his word and good example may be conducive to the profit of those over whom he is placed, and that together with the flock committed unto him he may attain to everlasting life. Through Christ, &c.

The Epistle. Heb. 9. 16.

WHERE a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise

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it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover, he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ

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was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

The Tract. Ps. 102.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

The Gospel. St. Luke 22. 1.

NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and

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covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude. Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, ✠ Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. *C.* And they said unto him, *S.* Where wilt thou that we prepare? *C.* And he said unto them, ✠ Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. *C.* And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, ✠ With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. *C.* And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, ✠ Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until

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the kingdom of God shall come. *C.* And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, ✠ This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. *C.* Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, ✠ This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! *C.* And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, ✠ The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the

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twelve tribes of Israel. *C.* And the Lord said, ✠ Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. *C.* And he said unto him, *S.* Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. *C.* And he said, ✠ I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. *C.* And he said unto them, ✠ When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? *C.* And they said, *S.* Nothing. *C.* Then said he unto them, ✠ But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me. And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. *C.* And they said, *S.* Lord, behold, here are two swords. *C.* And he said unto them, ✠ It is enough. *C.* And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, ✠ Pray that ye enter not into temptation. *C.* And he was withdrawn from them

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about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, ✠ Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. *C.* And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, ✠ Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. *C.* And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, ✠ Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? *C.* When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, *S.* Lord, shall we smite with the sword? *C.* And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, ✠ Suffer ye thus far. *C.* And he touched his ear, and healed him. Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, ✠ Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you

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in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness. *C.* Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, *S.* This man was also with him. *C.* And he denied him, saying, *S.* Woman, I know him not. *C.* And after a little while another saw him, and said, *S.* Thou art also of them. *C.* And Peter said, *S.* Man, I am not. *C.* And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, *S.* Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. *C.* And Peter said, *S.* Man, I know not what thou sayest. *C.* And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, *S.* Prophesy, who is it that smote thee?

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C. And many other things blasphemously spake they against him. And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, *S.* Art thou the Christ? tell us. *C.* And he said unto them, ✠ If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. *C.* Then said they all, *S.* Art thou then the Son of God? *C.* And he said unto them, ✠ Ye say that I am. *C.* And they said, *S.* What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

Here the Priest says the Cleanse my heart
Offertory. Ps. 102.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me.

The Secret.

ACCEPT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this gift which we offer, and vouchsafe that what we represent in symbol of the Passion of thy Son our Lord, we may attain by our heart's devotion. Through the same thy Son our Lord, &c.

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Additional Secrets. Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

DEFEND us, O Lord, who art engaged in these holy mysteries that we may cleave to heavenly things, and serve thee with both mind and body.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, look favorably upon the Gifts here offered; and cherish under the governance of thy constant care thy servant *N.*, whom thou hast been pleased to set as Pastor over thy Church in this Diocese.

The Communion. Ps. 102. 9–13

I HAVE mingled my drink with weeping: for thou hast taken me up and cast me down: and I am withered like grass. But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever. Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

The Postcommunion.

GRANT us, Almighty God, to realize that it is through the temporal death of thy Son, to which these adorable Mysteries bear witness,

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that we can trust that thou hast given us everlasting life. Through, &c.

Additional Postcommunions. Either (*a*) or (*b*).

(*a*) *For the Church.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord our God, that thou wilt not allow those whom thou dost deign to make partakers with God, to be exposed to perils from man. Through Christ.

(*b*) *For the Bishop.*

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to guard us who have now received this holy sacrament, and ever save and defend together with the flock committed unto him, thy servant *N.*, whom thou hast been pleased to set as Shepherd over thy Church in this Diocese.

Over the People.

Let us pray.
Bow down your heads before God.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

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Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are first said secretly. Then the Priest intones:*

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father. As it was.
Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of Eternal glory.

Psalm 128. *Beati omnes.*

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord ;* and walk in his ways.
For thou shalt eat the labors of thine hands : * O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine :* upon the walls of thine house.
Thy children like the olive-branches :* round about thy table.
Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.
The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee :* that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long ;
Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children,* and peace upon Israel.
Antiphon. Blessed are all they that fear the Lord.
Antiphon. Let them be confounded.

Psalm 129. *Saepe expugnaverunt.*

MANY a time have they fought against me from my youth up,* may Israel now say ;

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Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up :* but they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back : * and made long furrows.

But the righteous Lord* hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

Let them be confounded and turned backward,* as many as have evil will at Sion.

Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops,* which withereth afore it be plucked up;

Whereof the mower filleth not his hand ;* neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.

So that they who go by say not so much as the Lord prosper you :* we wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord.

Antiphon. Let them be confounded : as many as have evil will at Sion.

Psalm 130. *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well * the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss,* O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee,* therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord ; my soul doth

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wait for him, * in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: * before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, * and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel * from all his sins.

Antiphon. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord.

Psalm 131. *Domine, non est.*

LORD, I am not high-minded: * I have no proud looks.

I do not exercise myself in great matters, * which are too high for me.

But I refrain my soul and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother: * yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

O Israel, trust in the Lord * from this time forth for evermore.

Antiphon. Lord, I am not high-minded.

Antiphon. The Lord hath chosen.

Psalm 132. *Memento, Domine.*

LORD, remember David, * and all his trouble:

How he sware unto the Lord, * and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob:

I will not come within the taber-

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nacle of mine house, * nor climb up into my bed;

I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber, * neither the temples of my head to take any rest;

Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord, * an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata: * and found it in the wood.

We will go into his tabernacle: * and fall low on our knees before his footstool.

Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place; * thou and the ark of thy strength.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; * and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

For thy servant David's sake * turn not away the presence of thine anointed.

The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David; * and he shall not shrink from it:

Of the fruit of thy body * shall I set upon thy seat.

If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them, * their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.

For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself; * he hath longed for her.

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This shall be my rest forever :* here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

I will bless her victuals with increase :* and will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will deck her priests with health :* and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

There shall I make the horn of David to flourish :* I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.

As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame : * but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Antiphon. The Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself.

Short Chapter. *Jeremiah* 11. 20.

BUT, O Lord of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them : for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

R. Thanks be to God.

Hymn. *Vexilla Regis.*

THE royal banners forward go ;
The cross shines forth in mystic glow ;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,

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To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled water flowed, and
blood.

Fulfilled in all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations God, saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the
tree.

O tree of beauty, tree of light!
O tree with royal purple dight!
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest.

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of human kind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O cross, our one reliance, hail!
This holy Passion-tide, avail
To give fresh merit to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

R. Deliver me, O Lord, from the wicked man.
V. From the evil man defend me.
Antiphon. The maid said.

SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Magnificat. St. Luke 1. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

Glory &c.

Antiphon. The maid said to Peter: surely thou art one of them, for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

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COMPLINE

The Reader shall begin:

V. Bid, Sir, a blessing.

Blessing. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

R. Amen.

Short Lesson. *St. Peter* 5. 8–9.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God. *V.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *V.* Who hath made heaven and earth. Our Father (*entirely in secret*).

Then the Officiant shall make Confession:

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the

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Saints, and you brethen (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Choir shall answer:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *shall be said,* to thee, Father, (*or* Mother), *and* thee, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

After the Absolution shall be said:

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour.
R. And let thine anger cease from us.
V. O God, make speed to save me.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father. As it was.
Antiphon. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about.

Psalm 34. *Benedicam Dominum.*

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord : ∗ his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :∗ the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

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O praise the Lord with me,* and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord and he heard me, * yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him and were lightened: * and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth and the Lord heareth him,* yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him,* and delivereth them.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord ye that are his saints: * for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack and suffer hunger,* but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me, * I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live,* and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil,* and thy lips that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil and do good; * seek peace and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, * and his ears are open unto their prayers.

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The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil,* to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hareth them,* and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart ;* and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous : * but the Lord delivereth them out of all.

He keepeth all his bones :* so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly :* and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants :* and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Psalm 61. *Exaudi, Deus.*

HEAR my crying, O God ;* give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, * when my heart is in heaviness.

O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I ;* for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle forever :* and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

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For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires :* and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

Thou shalt grant the King a long life :* that his years may endure throughout all generations.

He shall dwell before God forever:* O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

So will I alway sing praise unto thy Name,* that I may daily perform my vows.

Antiphon. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.

Hymn. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favor, thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies ;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

Short Chapter. *Jer.* 14. 9.

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name ; leave us not, O Lord our God.

R. Thanks be to God.

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Short R. Into thy hands, O Lord,* I commend my spirit. Into thy. *V.* For thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, thou God of truth. *R.* I commend. *V.* Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye. *R.* Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Antiphon. Save us.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father. As it was.

Antiphon. Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping : that awake we may watch with Christ, and may sleep in peace.

Then shall be said, kneeling:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father (*secretly*).

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V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

I believe in God (*secretly*).

V. The resurrection of the body.

R. And the life everlasting. Amen.

V. Blessed art thou O Lord God of our fathers.

R. And worthy to be praised, and glorious forever.

V. Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise, and magnify him forever.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

R. And worthy to be praised, and glorious and highly exalted forever.

V. The Almighty and merciful Lord bless and keep us.

R. Amen.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night.

R. To keep us without sin.

V. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us.

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

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Let us pray.

The Collect.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and let thy blessing be always upon us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit. *V.* Let us bless the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Blessing. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and keep us. *R.* Amen.

And May the souls of the faithful *shall not be said, but immediately shall be said one of the following:*

FINAL ANTIPHONS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

1. *Until Compline of Wednesday in Holy Week:*

Ave Regina coelorum.

HAIL, O Mary, Queen of Heaven,
Queen of Angel Worlds on high;
Hail, O Rod to Jesse given,
Blessed Portal of the sky.

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Hail, O Lady, bright and glorious,
Mary, peerless in thy fame;
Virgin o'er sin's stain victorious,
We thine intercession claim.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O merciful God, thy protection to our frailty; that we who commemorate Mary the Virgin and Mother of God, may rise from our iniquities by the help of her intercession. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

2. *After Compline on Holy Saturday:*

Regina coeli laetere.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into

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the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

After the Antiphon is said:

V. ✠The Divine help remain with us always.
R. Amen.

TENEBRAE

See Matins and Lauds for Maundy Thursday.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

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TENEBRAE

On the last three days of Holy Week the ordinary Offices of the Church are amplified and used in their ancient integrity. The Matins of the following day is sung by anticipation and with peculiar and solemn ceremonies. On the Epistle side of the Altar a large triangular candlestick or 'hearse' is erected, containing fourteen candles similar to those used at funerals, and one white candle. At the end of each Psalm in the Office one of the brown candles is extinguished, to signify the gradual extinction of all human hopes. The prophecies of the coming Passion of our Lord, from the Book of Lamentations, are sung to a most ancient and beautiful melody, each section beginning, as in the original, with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. When the Benedictus is sung, the lights on the altar itself are extinguished one by one, and at the same time all the lights in the body of the Church are put out, in commemoration of the darkness which overshadowed the earth during our Lord's crucifixion. The white candle at the top of the hearse, which typifies our Lord, is then removed and placed under the altar, to signify the death of our Lord, and the great penitential Psalm, Miserere, is sung in the darkness. After that a 'slight stir' is made, to remind us of the earthquake on Easter morning, and the white candle is replaced in the hearse in honor of the Resurrection of our Lord. Scarcely any office of the Church is more pregnant with meaning, or more edifying to such as engage in it with reverence.

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THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
commonly called
MAUNDY THURSDAY

AT MATINS

[*Said as part of Tenebrae on Wednesday evening*]

Our Father, Hail Mary, I believe, (*secretly*).

Nocturn I.

Upon this and the two following days Matins and Lauds begin at once with the Antiphon upon the first Psalm; and the Antiphons are doubled, as on a Double Feast. Glory be *is not said at the end of each Psalm or group of Psalms. Both at Matins and at Lauds, one of the fifteen candles on the triangular stand before the altar is to be put out.*

Antiphon. The zeal of thine house † hath even eaten me, ℣ and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

Psalm 69. *Salvum me fac.*

SAVE me, O God; ℣ for the waters are come in even unto my soul.

I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is; ℣ I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

I am weary of crying; my throat is

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dry :* my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head :* they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless are mighty.

I paid them the things that I never took :* God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause :* let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof ;* shame hath covered my face.

I am become a stranger unto my brethren, * even an alien unto my mother's children.

For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me ; * and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

I wept, and chastened myself with fasting, * and that was turned to my reproof.

I put on sackcloth also ; * and they jested upon me.

They that sit in the gate speak against me ; * and the drunkards make songs upon me.

But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee, * in an acceptable time.

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Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy, * even in the truth of thy salvation.

Take me out of the mire, that I sink not: * O let me be delivered from them which hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: * and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: * turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: * O haste thee and hear me.

Draw nigh unto my soul and save it: * O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonor: * mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness: * I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

They gave me gall to eat; * and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal: * and let the things that should have been for

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their wealth be unto them an occasion of falling.

Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not; * and ever bow thou down their backs.

Pour out thine indignation upon them, * and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.

Let their habitation be void; * and no man to dwell in their tents.

For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; * and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.

Let them fall from one wickedness to another: * and not come into thy righteousness.

Let them be wiped out of the book of the living, * and not be written among the righteous.

As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness: * thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

I will praise the Name of God with a song, * and magnify it with thanksgiving.

This also shall please the Lord * better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

The humble shall consider this and be glad: * seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

For the Lord heareth the poor, * and despiseth not his prisoners.

Let heaven and earth praise him, * the sea and all that moveth therein.

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For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Judah; * that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it: * and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

Antiphon. The zeal of thine house hath even eaten me, * and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

Antiphon. Let them be turned backward † and put to confusion that wish me evil.

Psalm 70. *Deus, in adjutorium.*

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me; * make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: * let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame * that cry over me, There! There!

But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: * and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and in misery: * haste thee unto me, O God.

Thou art my helper and my redeemer; * O Lord, make no long tarrying.

Antiphon. Let them be turned back-

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ward and put to confusion * that wish me evil.

Antiphon. Deliver me, † O my God, * out of the hand of the ungodly.

Psalm 71. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion: * but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me and save me.

Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may alway resort: * thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, * out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: * thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: * thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be alway of thee.

I am become as it were a monster unto many; * but my sure trust is in thee.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, * that I may sing of thy glory and honor all the day long.

Cast me not away in the time of age; * forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

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For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying, * God hath forsaken him; persecute him and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

Go not far from me, O God: * my God, haste thee to help me.

Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul; * let them be covered with shame and dishonor that seek to do me evil.

As for me, I will patiently abide alway, * and will praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; * for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: * and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: * therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed; * until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, * and great things are they that thou hast done; O God, who is like unto thee!

O what great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me, * yea, and

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broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

Thou hast brought me to great honor,* and comforted me on every side:

Therefore will I praise thee and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music:* unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

My lips will be fain when I sing unto thee; and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long:* for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

Antiphon. Deliver me, O my God,* out of the hand of the ungodly.

V. Let them be turned back, and put to confusion.

R. That wish me evil.

During these three days, Our Father *is said entirely in secret after the versicles at Matins; the Absolution is not said, nor are the Blessings before the Lessons given. After the Lessons,* But thou *is not said; but the first three Lessons from Jeremiah are ended as below.*

Lesson I.

HERE beginneth the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet.

Aleph. How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people! how is she

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become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

Beth. She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her, all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

Ghimel. Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

Daleth. The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

He. Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Return unto the Lord thy God.

R. Upon the mount of Olives he prayed unto the Father: Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. * The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. *V.* Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The Spirit.

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Lesson II.

Vau. From the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

Zain. Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hands of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.

Heth. Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

Teth. Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O Lord, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.

Jerusalem. Jerusalem. Return unto the Lord thy God.

R. My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch with me: now shall ye behold a multitude which will come about me:* Ye will flee and forsake me, and I shall go hence to be offered for you. *V.* Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Ye will flee.

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Lesson III.

Jod. The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation.

Caph. All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O Lord, and consider, for I am become vile.

Lamed. Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

Mem. From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet: he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

Nun. The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, and come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, the Lord hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.

Jerusalem. Jerusalem! Return unto the Lord thy God.

R. Behold, we have seen him, and he hath no form nor comeliness; there is no beauty that we should desire him: he was bruised for our iniquities, and

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hath carried our sorrows. But he was wounded for our transgressions ✠ And with his stripes we are healed. *V*. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. And with. Behold.

Nocturn II.

Antiphon. The Lord shall deliver the poor † when he crieth : ✱ the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

Psalm 72. *Deus, judicium.*

GIVE the King thy judgments, O God, ✱ and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, ✱ and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace, ✱ and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right, ✱ defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, ✱ from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : ✱ even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish ; ✱ yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, ✱ and from the flood unto the world's end.

They that dwell in the wilderness

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shall kneel before him; * his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents: * the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him: * all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; * the needy also and him that hath no helper.

He shall be favorable to the simple and needy, * and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong: * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia: * prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills; * his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities which shall be blessed through him; * and all the heathen shall praise him.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, * which only doeth wondrous things;

And blessed be the Name of his majesty forever: * and all the earth

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shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

Antiphon. The Lord shall deliver the poor when he crieth: * the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

Antiphon. They corrupt other, † and speak of wicked blasphemy: * their talking is against the most High.

Psalm 73. *Quam bonus Israel!*

TRULY God is loving unto Israel, * even unto such as are of a clean heart.

Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone; * my treadings had well-nigh slipt.

And why? I was grieved at the wicked, * I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

For they are in no peril of death: * but are lusty and strong.

They come in no misfortune like other folk; * neither are they plagued like other men.

And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride; * and overwhelmed with cruelty.

Their eyes swell with fatness: * and they do even what they lust.

They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy: * their talking is against the most High.

For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven, * and their tongue goeth through the world.

Therefore fall the people unto

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them: * and thereout suck they no small advantage.

Tush, say they, how should God perceive it? * is there knowledge in the most High?

Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession. * And I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

All the day long have I been punished, * and chastened every morning.

Yea, and I had almost said as they; * but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.

Then thought I to understand this, * but it was too hard for me,

Until I went into the sanctuary of God; * then understood I the end of these men;

Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places: * and castest them down and destroyest them.

O how suddenly do they consume, * perish and come to a fearful end!

Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh; * so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.

Thus my heart was grieved, * and it went even through my reins.

So foolish was I and ignorant: * even as it were a beast before thee.

Nevertheless, I am alway by thee: * for thou hast holden me by my right hand.

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Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, * and after that receive me with glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? * and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: * but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish: * thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.

But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God: * and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

Antiphon. They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy: * their talking is against the most High.

Antiphon. Arise, O Lord,† * and maintain my cause.

Psalm 74. *Ut quid, Deus?*

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long? * why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?

O think upon thy congregation * whom thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.

Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance: * and mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy; * which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

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Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations; * and set up their banners for tokens.

He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees * was known to bring it to an excellent work.

But now they break down all the carved work thereof with axes and hammers.

They have set fire upon thy holy places, * and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.

Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havoc of them altogether: * thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

We see not our tokens; there is not one prophet more * no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.

O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonor? * how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name, for ever?

Why withdrawest thou thy hand? * why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?

For God is my King of old; * the help that is done upon earth, he doeth it himself.

Thou didst divide the sea through thy power: * thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

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Thou smotest the heads of leviathan in pieces, * and gavest him to be meat for the people in the wilderness.

Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks: * thou driedst up mighty waters.

The day is thine and the night is thine: * thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: * thou hast made summer and winter.

Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked, * and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.

O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies: * and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

Look upon the covenant: * for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.

O let not the simple go away ashamed: * but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.

Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause: * remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

Forget not the voice of thine enemies: * the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

Antiphon. Arise, O Lord, * and maintain my cause.

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V. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly.

R. Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

Our Father (*secretly*).

From the Treatise of Saint Augustine the Bishop, on the Psalms.

Lesson IV, on Ps. 55. 1.

'HEAR my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my petition. Take heed unto me, and hear me.' These are the words of an earnest and anxious man, beset by great trouble. He prayeth as one suffering much, and longing to be delivered from evil. It remaineth for us to see in what evil he is: and when he beginneth to tell us, to acknowledge that we also suffer therefrom: that sharing his trouble, we may join in his prayer. 'I mourn,' saith he, 'in my trial, and am vexed.' Wherein mourneth he? Wherein is he vexed? He saith, 'In my trial.' He remembereth the wicked men whom he suffereth, and that sufferance of evil men he calleth his trial. Think ye not that the wicked are in this world for naught, and that God, nowise doeth good through them. Every wicked man either liveth that he may be made righteous; or else he liveth, that the righteous may be tried by him.

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R. Mine own familiar friend hath betrayed me with the sign of a kiss: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. This wicked signal he gave, who by a kiss accomplished murder. ℣ Accursed, he cast down the price of blood in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. *V.* It had been good for that man if he had not been born. Accursed.

Lesson V.

O WOULD to God, therefore, that they who now try us might be converted, and tried together with us! Nevertheless, as long as they continue to try us, let us not hate them: for we know not whether any one of them will endure to the end in his wickedness. And for the most part, when thou deemest thyself to be hating thine enemy, thou hatest thy brother, and knowest it not. The devil and his angels are pointed out to us in the holy Scriptures as doomed unto fire everlasting. Of their amendment alone need we despair, against whom we wage a hidden strife; to which strife the Apostle armeth us, saying, 'We wrestle not against flesh and blood,' (that is, not against men whom ye may see), 'but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.' He said not, 'the rulers of this world,' lest perchance

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thou shouldest deem that devils are the lords of heaven and earth: but he said, 'the rulers of the darkness of this world;' when he spake of the world, he meant the lovers of the world: ungodly and unrighteous men, he called the world; of that world he spake, whereof the Gospel saith, 'and the world knew him not.'

R. Judas, vilest of traffickers, sought to betray the Lord with a kiss: he, like a lamb without guile refused not the kiss to Judas: ℣ For thirty pieces of silver he betrayed Christ to the Jews. *V.* Better were it for that man if he had not been born. For thirty.

Lesson VI.

'FOR I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.' Give heed unto the glory of the Cross itself. Now upon the brow of kings that Cross firmly resteth, which foes did once revile. Effect hath proven strength: it hath conquered the world not with the sword, but with wood. The wood of the Cross seemed worthy of scorn to the enemies, as they stood before that very wood, wagging their heads, and saying, 'If he be the Son of God, let him come down from the Cross!' He stretched forth his hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people. If he is just which liveth by faith, he that hath not faith is unrighteous. What

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then he calleth unrighteousness, know thou to be unbelief. Therefore the Lord 'spied unrighteousness and strife in the city,' and 'stretched forth his hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people:' and yet, looking forth upon these very same, he said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

R. One of my disciples shall this day betray me: Woe unto that man by whom I am betrayed. ℣ Better were it for that man if he had not been born. *V.* He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me into the hands of sinners. Better. One of my disciples.

Nocturn III.

Antiphon. I said to the wicked,† Deal not so madly: ℣ speak not unrighteously against the Lord.

Psalm 75. *Confitebimur tibi.*

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks ℣ yea, unto thee do we give thanks.

Thy Name also is so nigh, ℣ and that do thy wondrous works declare.

When I receive the congregation ℣ I shall judge according unto right.

The earth is weak, and all the inhabiters thereof: ℣ I bear up the pillars of it.

I said unto the fools, Deal not so

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madly: ∗and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

Set not up your horn on high: ∗and speak not with a stiff neck.

For promotion cometh neither from the east nor from the west, ∗nor yet from the south.

And why? God is the Judge: ∗he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; ∗it is full mixt, and he poureth out of the same.

As for the dregs thereof, ∗all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them and suck them out.

But I will talk of the God of Jacob; and praise him for ever.

All the horns of the ungodly also will I break; ∗ and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Antiphon. I said to the wicked, Deal not so madly: ∗ speak not unrighteously against the Lord.

Antiphon. The earth trembled, † and was still, ∗when God arose to judgment.

Psalm 76. *Notus in Judaea.*

IN Jewry is God known: ∗his Name is great in Israel.

At Salem is his tabernacle, ∗and his dwelling in Sion.

There brake he the arrows of the

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bow, * the shield, the sword, and the battle.

Thou art of more honor and might * than the hills of the robbers.

The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep: * and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both the chariot and horse are fallen.

Thou, even thou, art to be feared: * and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

Thou didst cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven; * the earth trembled and was still.

When God arose to judgment, * and to help all the meek upon earth.

The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise: * and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

Promise unto the Lord your God and keep it, all ye that are round about him; * bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

He shall refrain the spirit of princes: * and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

Antiphon. The earth trembled, and was still, * when God arose to judgment.

Antiphon. In the time † of my troubles * I sought the Lord.

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Psalm 77. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I WILL cry unto God with my voice, * even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: * my sore ran, and ceased not in the night season; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness I will think upon God: * when my heart is vexed I will complain.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: * I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, * and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song: * and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirit.

Will the Lord absent himself forever? * and will he be no more intreated?

Is his mercy clean gone forever? * and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? * and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity: * but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord: * and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

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I will think also of all thy works, * and my talking shall be of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy: * who is so great a God as our God?

Thou art the God that doest wonders: * and hast declared thy power among the people.

Thou hast mightily delivered thy people, * even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee and were afraid: * the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water, the air thundered: * and thine arrows went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was heard round about: * the lightnings shone upon the ground; the earth was moved and shook withal.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters, * and thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like sheep * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Antiphon. In the time of my trouble * I sought the Lord.

V. Arise, O Lord.

R. And maintain my cause. Our Father (*secretly*)

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From the First Epistle of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

Lesson VII. Chapter 11. 17.

NOW in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

R. Behold, I was like a lamb without guilt; I was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and I knew it not: mine enemies took counsel together against me, saying: ℣ Come, let us make him taste of the Tree, and let us cut him off from the land of the living. *V.* All mine enemies imagine this evil against me, saying: Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him. Come.

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Lesson VIII.

FOR I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

R. Wherefore sleep ye? Could ye not watch with me one hour, ye that were calling on one another to die for me? ℣ Or see ye not Judas, how he sleepeth not, but hasteneth to betray me unto the Jews? *V.* Why sleep ye? Arise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. Or see.

Lesson IX.

WHEREFORE whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and

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drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

R. The elders of the people assembled together, and consulted * That they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him: they came out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take him. *V.* The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council. That they. The elders.

AT LAUDS

[*Said as part of Tenebrae on Wednesday evening.*]

Antiphon. Mayest thou † be justified, O Lord, in thy saying, * and clear when thou art judged.

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

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Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold I was shapen in wickedness; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean: * thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked; * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my

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health: * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord; * and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion: * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Antiphon. Mayest thou be justified, O Lord, in thy saying, * and clear when thou art judged.

Antiphon. The Lord † is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, * and he openeth not his mouth.

Antiphon. Mine heart † within me is broken: * all my bones shake.

Psalm 90. *Domine, refugium.*

LORD, thou hast been our refuge * from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, * thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; *

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again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, * seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: * and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; * but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, * and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, * and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry all our days are gone: * we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, * yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? * for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

O teach us to number our days, * that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last, * and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that

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soon; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us, * and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Shew thy servants thy work, * and their children thy glory.

And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: * prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O prosper thou our handy-work.

Antiphon. The Lord is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, * and he openeth not his mouth.

Psalm 36. *Dixit injustus.*

MY heart sheweth me the wickedness of the ungodly, * that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

For he flattereth himself in his own sight, * until his abominable sin be found out.

The words of his mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit: * he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.

He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way; * neither doth he abhor anything that is evil.

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens; * and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the

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strong mountains; * thy judgments are like the great deep.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; how excellent is thy mercy, O God! * and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; * and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life: * and in thy light shall we see light.

O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; * and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

O let not the foot of pride come against me: * and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

There are they fallen, all that work wickedness: * they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

Antiphon. Mine heart within me is broken: * all my bones shake.

Antiphon. Thou didst encourage us by thy might, O Lord, * and by thy holy Supper.

Canticle, Exodus 15. 1-19. *Cantemus Domino.*

I WILL sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: * the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my

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song, ℣ and he is become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; ℣ my father is God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war: ℣ the Lord is his Name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: ℣ his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them: ℣ they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: ℣ thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

And in the greatness of thine excellency † thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee; ℣ thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, † the floods stood upright as an heap ℣ and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, ℣ I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them.

I will draw my sword, ℣ my hand shall destroy them.

Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: ℣ they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? ℣ who is like unto

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thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, * the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: * thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

The people shall hear and be afraid: * sorrow shall take hold upon the inhabitants of Palestine.

Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; † the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; * all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

Fear and dread shall fall upon them; * by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone;

Till thy people pass over, O Lord, * till the people pass over which thou hast purchased.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, † in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, * in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign * for ever and ever.

(*The following additional verses, not properly a part of the Canticle, may be included according to ancient custom, if desired*).

For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horse-

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men into the sea, ✱ and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them.

But the children of Israel went on dry land ✱ in the midst of the sea.

Antiphon. Thou didst encourage us by thy might, O Lord, ✱ and by thy holy Supper.

Antiphon. He was offered † because he willed it, ✱ and himself hath borne our iniquities.

Psalm 147. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; ✱ yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: ✱ and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart, ✱ and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars; ✱ and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power: ✱ yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek: ✱ and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; ✱ sing praises upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the

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earth, * and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, * and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse: * neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him, * and put their trust in his mercy.

Antiphon. He was offered because he willed it, * and himself hath borne our iniquities.

The Chapter, Short Respond, *and* Hymn *are not said.*

V. Mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted:

R. Who did also eat my bread, hath laid great wait for me.

Antiphon upon Benedictus. Now he that betrayed him † gave them a sign, saying: * Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast.

All the candles upon the triangular stand having now been put out, except the one placed at the top, the six candles placed from the beginning upon the Altar shall also be extinguished one by one during the singing of the Canticle Benedictus; *so that at the last verse, the last candle shall be put out. The lamps and other lights throughout the church shall likewise be extinguished.*

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Canticle. St. Luke 1. 68-79.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; * for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us * in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, * which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, * and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * and to remember his holy covenant:

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, * all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

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To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, ✻ and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Antiphon. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast.

During the repetition of the Antiphon, the topmost candle shall be taken from the Candelabrum, and hidden from sight under the Epistle corner of the Altar.

The Antiphon having been repeated after Benedictus, then shall be said, all kneeling:

V. Christ became obedient for us unto death.

On the second night shall be added:

Even the death of the cross.

On the third night shall be added:

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name which is above every name.

Our Father, *entirely in secret: after which, in a somewhat higher voice, shall be said:*

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: ✻ according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, ✻ and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: ✻ and my sin is ever before me.

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Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

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O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

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Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord; * and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

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For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion; * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

The Psalm being ended, there shall be said, without Let us pray, *in a like voice:*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, to suffer death upon the cross; (*but then shall be said in silence*) Who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end.

The Collect ended, some noise and clatter is made; the lighted candle is at once brought forth from beneath the Altar; and all rise and depart in silence.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY CEREMONIES

In ancient times three Masses were said on this day: the first to reconcile Penitents, the second for the blessing of Holy Oils, the third to commemorate the institution of the Blessed Eucharist. Since they have been reduced to one. These functions are performed at different times, during the same Mass. The reconciliation of Penitents and their Absolution, took place at the beginning of the Sacrifice, according to the form contained in the Pontifical, the remembrance of which may serve as a stimulus to piety and compunction, as well as for a rule of life.[1]

THE MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

On the night, during which men plotted against His life, and one of His Disciples treacherously agreed to deliver Him into the hands of His enemies, Jesus Christ thought of giving to mankind the greatest proof of His love, leaving them a gift, His own Divine Body. This is the subject of the one Mass which is said on this day, and which is devoted to the commemoration of that Sacred Supper or the last Passover which He ate with His Disciples. (It must be remembered that this was not an ordinary supper or meal, but the God-instituted Rite of the Passover).

[1] *Preface to the Office for Maundy Thursday.*

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MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

This mystery was particularly honored on Maundy Thursday, and there is no particular mention made of the existence of any other festival, for the same purpose, until the time of Urban IV., when the Church seeing that a day so full of sorrowful remembrances of the Passion and death of Our Lord afforded no opportunity for manifestations of joy, thought proper to transfer the commemoration of this mystery to another season.

But previous to the institution of the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, called Corpus Christi, the Mass of Maundy Thursday was most solemn.

On this day, with the exception of the one Celebrant, all the priests abstain from saying Mass—not only as a manifestation of sorrow and mourning, for which they abstain from offering the Most Holy Sacrifice on the following Friday and Saturday; but to imitate in some manner our Lord's Supper; when for the first time He performed the function of the High Priest. He was the only Celebrant. The Holy Apostles received Communion at His Hands.

The people falsely imagine that this ceremony is the Paschal Communion of the Clergy.

THURSDAY AT PRIME

The Deus in adjutorium *is not said at the beginning of the Offices on these days; but after the* Pater, Ave, (*and where proper the* Credo) *have been said in silence, the Offices begin straight from the first Antiphon.*

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The Gloria Patri *is everywhere omitted:* e. g. *after the Psalms and in the Responsories.*

Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God; * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper: * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord: * because it is so comfortable. For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble: * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Psalm 119. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, * and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, * and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness * walk in his ways.

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Thou hast charged * that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded, * while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, * when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies: * O forsake me not utterly.

In quo corrigit?

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? * even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: * O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart, * that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: * O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, * as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments, * and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes: * and I will not forget thy word.

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Retribue servo tuo.

O DO well unto thy servant, * that I may live and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, * that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth: * O hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire * that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

Thou hast rebuked the proud, * and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke; * for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: * but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

For thy testimonies are my delight * and my counsellors.

Adhaesit pavimento.

MY soul cleaveth to the dust: * O quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: * O teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: * and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

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My soul melteth away for very heaviness: * comfort thou me according unto thy word.

Take from me the way of lying: * and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth: * and thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: * O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of thy commandments, * when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Immediately after the psalms is said, kneeling:
(*On Maundy Thursday*)

Christ became obedient for us unto death.

(*On Good Friday, to the above is added*)

Even the death of the Cross.

(*On Holy Saturday, to the two preceding is added*)

Wherefore also God hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a Name that is above every name.

Our Father (*secretly*).

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

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Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean: * thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked; * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

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Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord; * and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: * but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion: * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt offerings and oblations: * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Let us pray *is not said.*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

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THURSDAY AT TERCE.

Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are said inaudibly.*

The Office begins immediately with three Psalms.

Legem pone.

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord : even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for my trust is in thy word.

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O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth : for my hope is in thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep thy law : yea, forever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty : for I seek thy commandments.

I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings : and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in thy commandments : which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved : and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Memor esto verbi tui.

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word : wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble: for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrinked from thy law.

For I remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord : and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night season : and have kept thy law.

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This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep thy law.

I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee : because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee : and keep thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy : O teach me thy statutes.

Bonitatem fecisti.

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept thy word.

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Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right : and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to thy word unto thy servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me: but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

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THURSDAY AT SEXT

Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are said inaudibly: then straightway the following Psalms:*

Defecit anima mea.

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for thy word: saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I forsook not thy commandments.

O quicken me after thy loving-kindness: and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

O Lord, thy word: endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance: for all things serve thee.

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If my delight had not been in thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, O save me : for I have sought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me, to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Quomodo dilexi !

LORD, what love have I unto thy law: all the day long is my study in it.

Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers : for thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged : because I keep thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep thy word.

I have not shrunk from thy judgments : for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth !

Through thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

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Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord : and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

Iniquos odio habui.

I HATE them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.

O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

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Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgments.

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.

O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.

For I love thy commandments: above gold and precious stones.

Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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NONE

Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are said inaudibly; then straightway the following three Psalms:*

Mirabilia.

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

When thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath: for my delight was in thy commandments.

O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men: and so shall I keep thy commandments.

Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water: because men keep not thy law.

Righteous art thou, O Lord: and true is thy judgment.

The testimonies that thou hast commanded: are exceeding righteous and true.

My zeal hath even consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

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Thy word is tried to the uttermost: and thy servant loveth it.

I am small and of no reputation: yet do I not forget thy commandments.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me: yet is my delight in thy commandments.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

I CALL with my whole heart: hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

Yea, even unto thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: for in thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches: that I might be occupied in thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness: quicken me, according as thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me: and are far from thy law.

Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord: for all thy commandments are true.

As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since: that thou hast grounded them forever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

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Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not thy statutes.

Great is thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors: because they keep not thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments, O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

Principes persecuti sunt.

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee : because of thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health : and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and

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testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall speak of thy praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous.

Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy commandments.

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord: and in thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee: and thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

Immediately after the psalms is said, kneeling:
(*On Maundy Thursday*)

Christ became obedient for us unto death.

(*On Good Friday, to the above is added*)

Even the death of the Cross.

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Wherefore also God hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a Name that is above every name.

Our Father (*secretly*).

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Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

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Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

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Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean: * thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

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again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

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For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: * but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion: * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt offerings and oblations: * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Let us pray *is not said.*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the

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cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

THE RECONCILIATION OF PENITENTS

'Just as the Penitents on Ash-Wednesday were led out of the Church by the Bishop and the doors shut against them while they were solemnly admonished to do penance, and to reflect upon the exclusion of Adam and Eve from the garden of Paradise in punishment of their disobedience, so on Maundy Thursday this ceremony was reversed, the Penitents being led back into the Church and Absolution pronounced over them, with consoling allusions to the resurrection from the dead and inexhaustible mercy of our Divine Lord.

At the beginning of the service, the Penitents barefoot, unshaven, unwashed and clad in sack-cloth, prostrated themselves outside the Church door or in the Porch of the Church, while the seven Penitential Psalms (6th, 32nd, 38th, 51st, 102nd, 130th, 143rd,) and the Litany of the Saints were recited by the Clergy within.

Thrice during the recitation of the Litany the Bishop deputed some of his attendants to encourage the supplicants with the hope of Pardon.

The first time two Subdeacons brought to them the greeting.

(*Ezekiel* 33. 2) 'As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live.'

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The second time two other Subdeacons were sent with the message.

(*St. Matthew* 3. 2) 'Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Finally a Deacon was commissioned to light their candles and to tell them. (*St. Luke* 21. 28) 'Lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.'

The Bishop then seated himself in the Nave of the Church facing the Penitents, while the Archdeacon, in a long form of address, interceded on their behalf. Upon this the Bishop advances to the Church door and after sundry preliminaries the Archdeacon also pleads for the offenders, and as in the case of the candidates for Ordination, he makes himself responsible for their suitable dispositions.

The Bishop asks him, 'Knowest thou if they be worthy of reconciliation? and the Archpriest replies, 'I know and bear witness that they are worthy.'

Thereupon the Bishop takes one of them by the hand, this man leads his neighbor and so, forming a chain the whole band of Penitents is conducted by the Bishop to his faldstool in the centre of the Nave, where he chants a solemn preface, grouping together some of the most striking examples of the Divine clemency in the Old and New Testaments.

This is followed by a long series of prayers and eventually by Absolution, given not in the direct but in the precatory form, i. e. 'May our Lord Jesus Christ, who vouchsafed to take away the sins of the world by delivering Himself up for us,' and Who also said to His Disciples, 'Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou

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shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven' (*St. Matthew* 16. 19), deign by the intercession of Mary, Mother of God to absolve you from all that ye have neglectfully done in thought, word or action.

The Penitents were then sprinkled with Holy Water censed, and in some Rituals touched with the foot of the Bishop's Crozier, while the ceremony ended with the Episcopal blessing in its most elaborate form and a concession of indulgence.

The antiquity of this service of reconciliation is unquestioned. Several prayers which yet stand in the Pontifical are to be found in the Gelasian Sacramentary and probably represent a Ritual older than the time of St. Gregory the Great.

There is a peculiarity in the so called Pontifical of Archbishop Egbert of York (732–766). This is worthy of note, that in a short form of reconciliation of a Penitent on Maundy Thursday the Absolution is the direct form, and curiously enough a translation of it in Anglo-Saxon has been written out in a hand of the tenth century and inserted opposite the Latin.

The use of this form in so early a document shows clearly that no difficulty was felt in claiming jurisdiction to pronounce forgiveness; moreover the fact that of the ceremonies that this item alone is selected for translation seems to indicate a sense of the pre-eminent importance of this portion of the Ritual.'

The Penitents, barefoot, unshaven, unwashed and clad in sack-cloth, prostrate themselves outside the front door of the Church while the seven Penitential Psalms are being said within as well as the Litany of the Saints is recited.

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Psalm 6. *Domine, ne in furore.*

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation : neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

For in death no man remembereth thee : and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

My beauty is gone for very trouble: and worn away because of all mine enemies.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm 32. *Beati, quorum.*

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

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Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For whilst I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found : but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in ; thou shalt preserve me from trouble : thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

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Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all that are true of heart.

Psalm 38. *Domine, ne in furore.*

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger : neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure:

For thine arrows stick fast in me: and thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure : neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head : and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

My wounds stink, and are corrupt: through my foolishness.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery : that I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a sore disease : and there is no whole part in my body.

I am feeble and sore smitten : I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

Lord, thou knowest all my desire: and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the light of mine eyes is gone from me.

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My lovers and my neighbors did stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipt, they rejoiced greatly against me.

And I truly am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

For I will confess my wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies live, and are mighty : and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

They also that reward evil for good are against me : because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God : be not thou far from me.

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Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the

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wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm 102. *Domine, exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble : incline thine ear unto me when I call : O hear me, and that right soon.

For my days are consumed away like smoke : and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass : so that I forget to eat my bread.

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For the voice of my groaning : my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

I am become like a pelican in the wilderness : and like an owl that is in the desert.

I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow : that sitteth alone upon the housetop.

Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled my drink with weeping :

And that, because of thine indignation and wrath : for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever : and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

And why ? thy servants think upon her stones : and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth thy majesty ;

When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when his glory shall appear ;

When he turneth him unto the

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prayer of the poor destitute : and despiseth not their desire.

This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

For he hath looked down from his sanctuary : out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth ;

That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto death ;

That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion : and his worship at Jerusalem ;

When the people are gathered together : and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

He brought down my strength in my journey : and shortened my days.

But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment ;

And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed : but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

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The children of thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

Psalm 130. *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Psalm 143. *Domine, exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

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For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works: yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust: show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake: and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy goodness slay mine

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enemies: and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

Then the Litany of the Saints *is said by the Clergy within.*

A LITANY OF THE SAINTS

IN the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father, of heaven,
Have mercy upon us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

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Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael, Captain of the Lord's Host,
St. Gabriel, Angel of the Annunciation,
St. Raphael, Angel of Healing,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,
St. John Baptist, Forerunner of the Lord,
St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and Mary,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles,
St. Paul, Apostle of the Gentiles,
St. Andrew, Patron of Scotland, first called to Christ,
St. James, first Martyr of the Apostles,
St. John, the Disciple whom Jesus loved,
St. Thomas, who doubted our Lord's Resurrection,
St. James, first Bishop of Jerusalem,
St. Philip, who said, 'Shew us the Father,'
St. Bartholomew, an Israelite without guile,
St. Matthew, Holy Evangelist,

Pray for us.

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St. Simon, the 'Zealot,'
St. Jude, Servant of Jesus Christ,
St. Matthias, numbered with the eleven Apostles,
St. Barnabas, Son of Consolation,
St. Luke, Beloved Physician,
St. Mark, Holy Evangelist,
All ye holy Innocents,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
St. Stephen, First Martyr,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
St. Alban, First Martyr in England,
St. George, Patron of England,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerome,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
St. Hugh,
St. David, Patron of Wales,
St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland,
St. Edmund,
St. Edward, whose relics are with us until this day,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Doctors,

Pray for us.

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St. Anthony,
St. Benedict,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
St. Mary Magdalene,
St. Etheldreda,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecilia,
St. Katharine,
Pray for us.

By the coming of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete,
Good Lord, deliver us.
In the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

That thou wouldst spare us,
That thou wouldst pardon us,
That thou wouldst bring to us true repentance,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to keep under thy protection the Bishops, and all the Religious Orders of the Church,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to give true peace and concord to Christian princes and governors,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and unity to all Christian people,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to strengthen and keep us in thy service,
That thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
That thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,
That thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors, from eternal damnation,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,
Son of God,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us,
O Christ, graciously hear us.

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Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast vouchsafed to help us by the example and prayers of thy blessed Saints, grant that we may both follow in their steps and enter into their fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer,
R. And let our cry come unto thee.

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

The following Psalms are recited by those in the Church before the Penitents are invited to approach the Bishop who greets them in the Nave of the Church after certain ceremonies.

Psalm 34. *Benedicam Dominum.*

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

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They had an eye unto him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord

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heareth them : and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

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Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the

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inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

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Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Here the Penitents are raised up from the earth.

Antiphon. As I live saith the Lord, I do not desire the death of a sinner but rather that he may be converted and live.

Psalm 57. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee : and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast.

I will call unto the Most High God; even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

He shall send from heaven : and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

God shall send forth his mercy and truth : my soul is among lions;

And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire : whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul : they have

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digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed : I will sing and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp : I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens : and thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

Antiphon. As I live saith the Lord, I do not desire the death of a sinner but rather that he may be converted and live.

Thrice during the recitation of the Litany the Bishop deputes some of his attendants to encourage the Penitents with a hope of Pardon.

The first time two Subdeacons shall bring to them this message:

'As I live saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live.'

A second time two Subdeacons (other than the first) shall be sent by the Bishop to the Penitents, with this message:

'Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

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Finally a Deacon shall be commissioned to light their candles and to tell them:

'Lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.'

The Penitents are led into the Nave of the Church and after being questioned by the Bishop and a long Preface having been chanted, prayers said and Absolution given, they are sprinkled with Holy Water and censed.

The Bishop then gives them his Episcopal Blessing and they are restored to the Communion of the Faithful.

THE BLESSING OF THE HOLY OILS

The Holy Oils used by the Church are three in kind: namely, the Oil of the sick; the Chrism, or oil used after Baptism, in Confirmation, and in the consecration of Bishops, Churches, Chalices, &c.; and the Oil of Catechumens, used before Baptism, and in the anointing of Priests, Sovereigns, &c. These Oils are only blest in the Mass of Maundy Thursday, by a Bishop; and usually in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese.

Before Mass a table is placed in the Choir; and in front of it, facing the Altar, a faldstool for the Bishop, and benches for the twelve Priests to be referred to hereafter.

In the sacristy, three vessels (or phials) are filled with oil, the vessel which is to hold the Chrism being larger than the others. A smaller vessel holds the Balsam or Balm, with which the Chrism is mixed. The Chrism is covered by a veil of white silk: the other oils by silk veils of a different colour

At the appointed hour, the Bishop, accompanied by the customary clergy and attendants, and

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in addition, by twelve Priests (who are to act as his witnesses and co-operators in the Blessing), seven Deacons and seven Sub-deacons, all in white vestments,—goes in procession from the sacristy to the High-altar: and there celebrates Mass in the usual manner, until, in the Canon, he comes to the words: Through whom, O Lord, *where he breaks off, and leaving the Altar, seats himself, wearing his mitre, at the table already referred to. The Archdeacon, standing near him, says aloud:* Bring the oil of the Sick. *Thereupon one of the seven Deacons goes with two acolytes to the sacristy, and brings thence the vessel of the Oil of the Sick. It is placed on the table before the Bishop, who, wearing his mitre, exorcises the oil: saying in a low yet audible voice:*

I EXORCISE thee, O most unclean spirit, as also every onset and deceit of Satan: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, depart from this oil, that it may become a spiritual unction for the strengthening of the temple of the Living God; that the Holy Ghost may dwell therein, through the Name of God the Father Almighty, and through the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ His well-beloved Son, Who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. *R.* Amen.

Then, laying aside his mitre, the Bishop blesses the oil itself, saying:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

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Let us pray.

SEND forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Holy Paraclete from heaven into this oil of the olive, which thou wast pleased to bring forth from the green wood, for the refreshment of body and soul; that, being blessed with the holy unction of the power of heavenly healing it may become a safeguard for soul and body, an efficacious remedy in driving out all pains, weaknesses and every ill of mind and body, wherewith thou hast anointed Priests, Kings, Prophets and Martyrs; may it be unto us thy perfect Chrism, blessed by thee, to abide in our hearts. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After which the Oil is carried to the sacristy in the order in which it was brought; and the Bishop, returning to the Altar, resumes the celebration of Mass at the words: By whom, O Lord, &c.

After his own and the general Communion, the Bishop, again leaving the Altar, seats himself at the table, the clergy and attendants standing around. Then the Archdeacon says aloud: Bring the Oil for the Holy Chrism; *and immediately afterwards:* Bring the Oil of the Catechumens.

Thereupon, the twelve Priests, the seven Deacons, and seven Subdeacons, with incense, cross and lights, and all necessary attendants, go to the sacristy, and bring thence in solemn procession the vessels containing the Oil of the Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Balm. The latter is borne by a Subdeacon,

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the two former by Deacons, and the vessels are partly covered by veils. Meanwhile two of the Cantors that accompany the Procession, intone the following Hymn, the first two lines of which are immediately repeated by the Choir, as also after every stanza:

O Redemptor.

DO thou, Redeemer, deign accept
The song of them that sing thy praise,
Choir. Do thou, &c.

O thou that Judge art of the dead,
And only hope of man on earth,
Hear thou the voice of them that bear
This gift that token is of peace.
Choir. Do thou, &c.

A tree, by sunny warmth enriched,
This oil for sacred uses bore,
This we, in homage bending low,
To thee, the world's Redeemer, bear.
Choir. Do thou, &c.

Before the Altar standing now
The mitred Pontiff humbly prays:
That he may duly bless this Chrism:
His solemn office so fulfil.
Do thou, &c.

Thou, too, vouchsafe this oil to bless,
O King whose kingdom never ends:
This olive oil, a sign of life,
A sign to break the devil's power.
Do thou, &c.

Having arrived in the Choir, the Procession gathers round the Bishop, the twelve Priests

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sitting on the benches prepared for them, six on either side of the Bishop. The vessel of the Oil of the Chrism and that of Balm are then placed on the table before the Bishop, who standing without mitre, blesses the Balm; saying:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Ordainer of every heavenly symbol and power, we beseech thee hearken to our prayers. Make fit for thy mysteries this sweet-smelling exudation from the dry bark which causes forth to flow from the favored stem that by which we receive the unction of the priestly estate; bless and sanc✠tify it. Through Our Lord, &c. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the one and only Creator of all things created, who didst enjoin the preparation of an aromatic mixture of herbs to be made for an anointing of sanctification; we humbly entreat thy mercy that thou wouldst grant the grace of thy spirit to this oil which the fruit-bearing root brought forth, and pour upon it the fulness of thy bles✠sing. To us may it be seasoned with the joy of Faith. May it be the lasting chrism of priestly anointing; may it be eminently meet to imprint the heavenly sign that those who are born again in

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Holy Baptism, and anointed with this oil, may attain to the fulness of blessing, both of soul and body, and wax even richer in the possession of the gift of Holy Faith. Through Christ, &c.

Let us pray the Lord our God.

ALMIGHTY God, who has inseparably united by a wondrous disposition the limitless Divinity of his only begotten and co-eternal Son, to the compass of human nature, and by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit anointed him with the oil of gladness above his fellows, that man, ruined by the deceit of the devil, being of a double, yet a single character, might, body and soul, be restored to that eternal inheritance whence he had fallen: ble✠ss and sanc✠tify by his benediction in the power of the Holy Trinity, these creatures of oils composed of two different substances, and grant that they may be made one by being once mixed together, and that he who is externally anointed with it may so perceive its effect that he may be set free from all the vilenesses of the flesh and rejoice in being made a sharer in the heavenly kingdom. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. *R.* Amen.

Thereupon the Bishop seats himself, and wearing his mitre, breathes thrice in the form of a cross over the mouth of the vessel for Chrism. Then the twelve Priests approach, making due

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reverence to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Bishop. After which the Bishop rises, and retaining his mitre, exorcises the Oil of Chrism, as follows:

I EXORCISE thee, O creature of oil, by God the Father Almighty who hath made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, that every power of the enemy, every array of the devil, every onset and deceit of Satan, be driven out and put to flight from thee: that thou mayest be to all who may be anointed with thee for their adoption as sons: In the Name of the Father Almighty, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Who with him liveth and reigneth God in the unity of the same Holy Ghost:

Here the Bishop lays aside his mitre, and says the Preface.

World without end.
R. Amen.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up unto the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
R. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, who in the

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beginning, among other the gifts of thy loving-kindness, didst bid the earth yield fruit trees yielding fruit and among them the olive tree to furnish this most rich oil, the fruit of which is to be used for Holy Chrism. Hence it was that David, in spirit, foreseeing the Sacraments of thy grace, prophesied in song that it was with oil that our countenances should be made glad. So, too, of old, when the sins of the world were being expiated in the downpour of the Deluge, did a dove, foreshadowing the grace to come, by an olive branch proclaim peace to the earth. And this, by manifest signs, is clearly shown in these later ages, when after the blotting out of sin in the waters of Baptism, our countenances are made glad and serene by the anointing of this oil. For which reason also thou didst command unto Moses thy servant, first with water to cleanse his brother Aaron, and then to ordain him Priest by anointing him with oil. And to this a yet higher honor was added when our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son bade John baptize him in the waters of Jordan; for then, sending forth upon him the Holy Ghost in the likeness of a dove, thou didst, by the testimony of the voice that was later heard, manifest him as thine only-begotten Son in whom thou art well pleased; and didst at the same time most clearly prove that this

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it was which was signified when the Prophet David sang, that he should be anointed with the Oil of Gladness above his fellows. Therefore, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, do we beseech thee through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, to be pleased by thy blessing to sanctify this substance, and to mingle thereto the power of the Holy Ghost with the co-operation of the presence of thy Son, the Christ, from whose Holy Name it taketh its name of Chrism—a Chrism wherewith thou hast anointed Priests, and Kings, Prophets and Martyrs;—that thou wouldst assure for those to be regenerate in the Baptism of a spiritual cleansing, this Creature of Chrism as a Sacrament of the perfect way of salvation and life: that the sanctifying power of this unction may be poured into them to take up the corruption of their natural state, and make to be diffused through the temple of their souls the redolent sweetness of an acceptable innocency of supernatural life: that in accordance with the ordinance thou hast instituted they may be imbued with the dignity of King, Priest and Prophet, and clothed with the garment of unchangeable value: that it may be to those who are born again of water and of the Holy Spirit, the Chrism of Salvation, and may avail to make them partakers of eternal life

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and sharers in heavenly glory. Through the same, &c. *R.* Amen.

The Bishop then places the mixed oil and balm into the vessel for Chrism, saying,

May this mixture of oils be unto all who shall therewith be anointed a means of propitiation, and a saving protection for evermore. *R.* Amen.

Then the Chrismal Phial is completely unveiled by the Deacon; and the Bishop, bowing his head, salutes the Chrism, saying, Hail, Holy Chrism; *doing this a second and a third time, and then kissing the vessel; after which he seats himself and receives his mitre. After him, each of the twelve Priests, having first duly reverenced the Blessed Sacrament and the Bishop, approaches, genuflecting thrice before the Chrism and saying as he does so,* Hail, Holy Chrism; *and then kisses the vessel.*

After which the vessel containing the Oil of Catechumens is placed on the table, and the Bishop and the twelve Priests immediately breathe upon it, as they did upon the Chrism; and the Bishop, having on his mitre, thereupon exorcises the Oil, saying:

I EXORCISE thee, O creature of Oil: in the Name of ✠ God the Father Almighty, and in the Name of Jesus ✠ Christ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost: that by the invocation of the undivided Trinity and in the power of the one Godhead, every detestable power of the enemy, every well-tried expedient of the devil in his hatred, every violent onset, every vague and intangible horror, be rooted out, and put to

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flight, and take its departure from thee: that thou be made clean for the Holy Sacraments and for adoption of body and soul unto those who are thereby anointed for the remission of all their sins; and that their bodies be prepared as a holy dwelling-place for the receiving of every spiritual grace. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. *R.* Amen.

Then without mitre, he blesses the Oil, saying:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who meetest with the blessing of increase every growth and putting forth of the life of the soul, and who strengthenest by the power of the Holy Spirit the first steps on awakening of conscious life of the child-mind, we beseech thee, O Lord, that thou be pleased to send forth thy bles✠sing upon this oil, and grant that they who come to the font of blessed regeneration receive cleansing of soul and body by being anointed with this thy creature; that whatever spot may cleave to them of the hostile contact of evil spirits, may at the touch of this blest oil vanish away; let there not be a place or opportunity

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of lodgement for forces and powers of spiritual evil, nor any means be left for diabolical spirits to lie in wait to catch the soul unawares. But unto thy servants coming to Faith, and to be cleansed by the operation of thy Holy Spirit, may this unction be a provision for that eternal salvation which even now at their new birth into the heavenly sphere, they are to lay hold of in the Sacrament of Baptism. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son, Our Lord, who is come to judge both the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. *R.* Amen.

Then the Bishop, and the twelve Priests successively, thrice salute the Oil of Catechumens, as in the case of the Chrism, saying, Hail, Holy Oil, *and then kiss the vessel. After which the two vessels are carried back to the sacristy in the same order as when brought therefrom, the Cantors and Choir singing the remainder of the Hymn* O Redemptor.

LORD, by the unction of this Chrism
May all thy servants be renewed:
And that lost dignity of man
To its first glory be restored.
Choir. Do thou, Redeemer, deign accept
The song of them that sing Thy praise.

The soul in sacred waters washed
From every stain of sin is freed;
And brows anointed with this Oil
The Holy Spirit's gifts receive.
Do thou, &c.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thou who, the Father's equal Son,
Was born for us a Virgin's child:
From thine anointed drive back death,
And give them everlasting light.
Do thou, &c.

So shall this day to us become
A day of never-ending joy;
A sacred day: well worth our praise:
A day whose brightness ne'er shall fade.
Do thou, &c.

The Oil remaining over in the phials from the previous year is burnt in the lamps before the Blessed Sacrament; whilst the oil and the wool remaining in the pyxes are cast into the fire, and the pyxes refilled with the newly blest oil and fresh wool.

Meanwhile the Bishop returns to the Altar and finishes Mass; after which, seated and having on his mitre, he bids the Priests to keep the Holy Oils with the traditional care and fidelity.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AT MASS

The Introit.

BUT as for us, it behoveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection; by whom we were saved, and obtained our freedom. *Ps.* 67. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us.

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The bells are rung during the Gloria in Excelsis (*which is said on this day*), *and then not again till Holy Saturday.*

The Collect.

O GOD, from whom Judas received the punishment of his crime as well as the thief, the reward of his confession; grant to us the fruit of thy propitiation: that, as Jesus Christ our Lord in His Passion accorded to each the due reward of his deserts, so to us purged of the error of our former life, he may impart the grace of his Resurrection: who liveth, &c.

The Epistle. 1 *Cor.* 11. 17.

IN this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall

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I praise you in this? I praise you not. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examime himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another, and if any man hunger, let him eat

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at home, that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

The Gradual.

CHRIST became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and hath given him a name which is above every name.

The Gospel. St. Luke 23. 1.

C. The whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, *S.* We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. *C.* And Pilate asked him, saying, *S.* Art thou the King of the Jews? *C.* And he answered him and said, ✠ Thou sayest it. *C.* Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, *S.* I find no fault in this man. *C.* And they were the more fierce, saying, *S.* He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place. *C.* When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man was a Galilaean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when

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Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words: but he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves. And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, *S.* Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: no, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, Lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. *C.* (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) And they cried out all at once, saying, *S.* Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: *C.* (who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) Pilate

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therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, saying, *S.* Crucify him, crucify him. *C.* And he said unto them the third time, *S.* Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. *C.* And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will. And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, ✠ Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree,

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what shall be done in the dry? *C.* And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they came to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, ✠ Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. *C.* And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, *S.* He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. *C.* And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, and saying, *S.* If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. *C.* And a superscription also was written over him, in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, *S.* If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. *C.* But the other answering rebuked him, saying, *S.* Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. *C.* And he said unto Jesus, *S.* Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. *C.* And Jesus said unto

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him, ✠ Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. *C.* And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, ✠ Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: *C.* and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. (*Here a genuflection is made and a short pause.*) Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, *S.* Certainly this was a righteous man. *C.* And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things. (*Here the Book of Common Prayer Gospel ends.*) *C.* And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them); he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Offertory. Ps. 118.

THE right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the Lord.

The Secret.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, that He make this our sacrifice accepted of Thee, who showed His disciples how to do this which we do, in remembrance of Him, Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who liveth, &c.

Preface of the Cross.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Because thou hast established the salvation of mankind upon the wood of the Cross; that, whence death arose, thence also life might rise again: and that he who by a tree had conquered, by this Tree might likewise be overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, &c.

In Cathedral Churches, where the Blessing of the Oils takes place, the Oil of the Sick is blessed just before the Our Father, *and the Chrism and the Oil of Catechumens after the general Communion.*

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The Agnus Dei *is said, but the* Pax *is not given. On this day two Hosts are consecrated, one of which is consumed by the Celebrant, and the other reserved for the Mass of Good Friday in which no consecration takes place. The reserved Host is placed in a Chalice, and after Mass, is carried processionally to the chapel, or other place, in which it is to be kept until the morrow.*

The Communion. St. John 13.

THE Lord Jesus, after he had supped with His disciples, washed their feet, and said to them, Know ye what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

The Post-Communion.

NOURISHED and refreshed by this life-giving food, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that what we strive after in this the time of our immortal life, we may attain by thy gift of life. Through Christ, &c.

The Ite Missa est *is said, and is followed by St. John's Gospel.*

After Mass, the Chalice containing the reserved Host is carried in procession to the place prepared for its reception, and during the Procession the following Hymn is sung:

Pange lingua.

NOW, my tongue, the mystery telling
Of the glorious Body, sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling,

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Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
In a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming!

Given for us, and condescending
To be born for us below,
He with men in converse blending,
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending
His most patient life of woe.

That last night, at supper lying,
'Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
Keeps the Feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying
Gives Himself with His own hand.

Word-made-Flesh, true bread He maketh
By His word His Flesh to be;
Wine His Blood; which whoso taketh
Must from carnal thoughts be free:
Faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
Shows true hearts the mystery.

Therefore we, before Him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;

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AT MASS

Ever too His love confessing,
Who from Both, with Both is One.
Amen.

On arrival at the place prepared, the Chalice containing the Blessed Sacrament is censed, and placed in the tabernacle. The Procession then returns, and Vespers is said in Choir

VESPERS

On this and the following day, after the Our Father *and* Hail Mary *have been said silently, Vespers begins immediately with the first Antiphon, said without inflection.*

Antiphon. I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Psalm 116. 10. *Credidi, propter quod locutus sum.*

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak ; but I was sore troubled : * I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord * for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, * and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people. * Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant ; * I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid ; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

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I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people, * in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Antiphon. I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the name of the Lord.

Antiphon. My soul hath long dwelt among them : that are enemies unto peace. I labor for peace ; but when I speak unto them thereof : they make them ready to battle.

Psalm 120. *Ad Dominum.*

WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord ; * and he heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, * and from a deceitful tongue.

What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue ? * even mighty and sharp arrows with hot burning coals.

Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech, * and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar !

My soul hath long dwelt among them * that are enemies unto peace.

I labor for peace ; but when I speak unto them thereof, * they make them ready to battle.

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Antiphon. My soul hath long dwelt among them : that are enemies unto peace. I labor for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof : they make them ready to battle.

Antiphon. Deliver me, O Lord, from unrighteous men.

Psalm 140. *Eripe me, Domine.*

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man : * and preserve me from the wicked man;

Who imagine mischief in their hearts; * and stir up strife all the day long.

They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; * adder's poison is under their lips.

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly; * preserve me from the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords; * yea, and set traps in my way.

I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God : * hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.

O Lord God, thou strength of my health, * thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord; * let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

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Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them * that compass me about.

Let hot burning coals fall upon them : * let them be cast into the fire and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth : * evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.

Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor, * and maintain the cause of the helpless.

The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name : * and the just shall continue in thy sight.

Antiphon. Deliver me, O Lord, from unrighteous men.

Antiphon. Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me : and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Psalm 141. *Domine, clamavi.*

LORD, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me ; * and consider my voice, when I cry unto thee.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense ; * and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth ; * and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil things, * let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that

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work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

Let the righteous rather smite me friendly : * and reprove me.

But let not their precious balms break my head : * yea, I will pray yet against their wickedness.

Let their judges be overthrown in stony places, * that they may hear my words ; for they are sweet.

Our bones lie scattered before the pit, * like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.

But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God : * in thee is my trust ; O cast not out my soul.

Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me, * and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together, * and let me ever escape them.

Antiphon. Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me : and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Antiphon. I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was no man that would know me.

Psalm 142. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice ; * yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaints before him ; * and showed him of my trouble.

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When my spirit was in heaviness, thou knewest my path, * in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked also upon my right hand, * and saw there was no man that would know me.

I had no place to flee unto; * and no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said, * Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

Consider my complaint; * for I am brought very low.

O deliver me from my persecutors; * for they are too strong for me.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name: * which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

Antiphon. I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.

Antiphon. As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it and gave it to his disciples.

SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Magnificat. St. Luke 1. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

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For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

Antiphon. As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it and gave it to his disciples.

Christ became obedient for us unto death.

On the second night shall be added :

Even the death of the cross.

On the third night shall be added :

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name which is above every name.

Our Father, *entirely in secret : after which, in a somewhat higher voice, shall be said :*

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Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight ; * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness ; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean : * thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness ; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God ; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence ; * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again ; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

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Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked ; * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord ; * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion : * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

The Psalm being ended, there shall be said, without Let us pray, *in a like voice:*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross ; *but then shall be said in silence*, Who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy

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Ghost ever, one God, world without end.

Vespers is said immediately after the Blessed Sacrament has been solemnly escorted to the Altar of Repose, after which follows the stripping of the Altars. The High Altar is first denuded of hangings and ornaments, and then the side Altars, during which the following Psalm is said with the

Antiphon. They part my garments among them : and cast lots upon my vesture.

Psalm 22. *Deus, Deus meus.*

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? * and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time but thou hearest not; * and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy, * O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee : * they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee and were holpen : * they put their trust in thee and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man; * a very scorn of men and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn; * they shoot out their lips and shake their heads, saying,

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He trusted in God that he would deliver him : * let him deliver him if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb : * thou wast my hope when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born : * thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me; for trouble is hard at hand; * and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me : * fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths, * as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint : * my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums; * and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me : * and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones : * they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them, * and cast lots upon my vesture.

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But be not thou far from me, O Lord : * thou art my succor, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword ; * my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth : * thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren : * in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him ; * magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob ; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor ; * he hath not hid his face from him ; but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation ; * my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him ; * your heart shall live forever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : * and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's : * and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth * have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust

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shall kneel before him : * and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him ; * they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness * unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

Antiphon. They part my garments among them : and cast lots upon my vesture.

THE MAUNDY OR WASHING OF THE FEET

At a convenient hour after the stripping of the Altars, the Clergy meet to perform the 'Maundy', *or* 'Commandment'. *The Prelate or Superior, in alb, and purple stole and cope, the Deacon and Subdeacon in white vestments, with the attendant Clergy, come to the appointed place. The Gospel is then sung by the Deacon with the usual ceremonies.*

The Gospel. St. John 13. 1–15.

NOW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the

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Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example,

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that ye should do as I have done to you.

After the Gospel, the Superior lays aside his cope, and girds himself with a towel: then, on his knees and bare-headed, he washes, wipes, and kisses the right foot of those selected for the ceremony: during which the following Antiphons, &c. are sung:

Antiphon. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another, saith the Lord.

Ps. 119. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another, saith the Lord.

Antiphon. After the Lord arose from supper he poured water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet: this he gave them as an example.

Ps. 48. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised : in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

After the Lord arose from supper he poured water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet : this he gave them as an example.

Antiphon. The Lord Jesus after he had supped with his disciples, washed their feet, and said to them : Know ye

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what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Ps. 85. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land : thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

The Lord Jesus after he had supped with his disciples, washed their feet, and said to them : Know ye what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Antiphon. Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said to him : If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

V. Then cometh he to Simon Peter and Peter saith unto him,

V. Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said to him : If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

V. What I do thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said to him : If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

Antiphon. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Ps. 49. O hear ye this, all ye people :

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ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world.

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

Antiphon. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another,

V. Said Jesus to his disciples.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Antiphon. 1 *Cor.* 13. 13. Let faith, hope, charity abide in you, these three : but the greatest of these is charity.

V. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three : but the greatest of these is charity.

Let faith, hope, charity abide in you, these three : but the greatest of these is charity.

Antiphon. Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity : we will give thanks to him for that he hath showed us his mercy.

V. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Ps. 84. O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of Hosts.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity : we will give thanks to him for that he hath showed us his mercy.

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Antiphon.

Wheresoever love abideth, there our God is found.

V. Christ in his great love hath brought us here together.

V. Now may we rejoice in him with holy gladness.

V. Let us seek the living God with loving homage.

V. Truly cleave to him with all our hearts' affection.

and the Antiphon is repeated:

Wheresoever love abideth, there our God is found.

V. Therefore, brethren, when in unity we gather.

V. Let us watch lest we in spirit be divided.

V. So an end to fruitless discords and dissensions!

V. And may Christ our God be in the midst among us.

and the Antiphon is repeated:

Wheresoever love abideth, there our God is found.

V. Like as do the saints in realms among the blessed

V. May we too, O Christ, behold thy face resplendant:

V. There attain, with thee, abounding joy and righteous,

V. Life eternal and through ages everlasting. Amen.

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WASHING OF THE FEET

After the washing of the feet, the Superior washes his hands. Then, putting on his cope, he stands with head uncovered, and says:

Our Father *secretly to*

V. And lead us not into temptation:

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Thou hast charged, O Lord,

R. That we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

V. Thou didst wash thy disciples' feet:

R. Despise not then the works of thine own hands.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ASSIST us, we beseech thee, O Lord, in this our obedience to the injunction thou hast laid upon us: and since thou didst deign to wash the feet of thy disciples, despise not the works of thine own hands, which thou hast commanded us to observe: that as in this service our defilements of body are being cleansed by us, so by thee the sins of our souls may be washed away; which do thou deign to accord us, who livest and reignest God, forever and ever. *R.* Amen.

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AT COMPLINE

Compline begins straightway from the Confiteor, Miseratur, *and* Indulgentiam, *after which are said the Psalms without an Antiphon.*

The Officiant shall make Confession:

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Choir shall answer:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) and you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *shall be said,* to thee, Father, (*or* Mother,) and thee, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say,

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GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness : thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood.

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say : Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and

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take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold : my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto

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thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble ; I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him : and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord ;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

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For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Then is said kneeling V. Christ became obedient for us unto death.

Our Father (*secretly*).

After which, in a somewhat higher voice, shall be said :

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness ; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean : * thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and

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gladness; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked; * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord; * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion: * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; *but then shall be said in silence,* Who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end.

TENEBRAE

See Matins and Lauds for Good Friday.

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GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE, &c.

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FRIDAY
OF THE PREPARATION
commonly called
GOOD FRIDAY
AT MATINS

[*Said as part of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday evening.*]

Nocturn I.

Antiphon. The kings of the earth stand up, † and the rulers take counsel together, ∗ against the Lord, and against his Anointed.

Psalm 2. *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together, ∗ and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together, ∗ against the Lord, and against his Anointed:

Let us break their bonds asunder, ∗ and cast away their cords from us.

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: ∗ the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, ∗ and vex them in his sore displeasure:

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Yet have I set my King * upon my holy hill of Sion.

I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me, * Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, * and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron; * and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: * be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord in fear, * and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way, if his wrath be kindled, yea, but a little, * blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Antiphon. The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together, * against the Lord, and against his anointed.

Antiphon. They part my garments among them, † and cast lots upon my vesture.

Psalm 22. *Deus, Deus meus.*

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? * and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

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O my God, I cry in the day-time but thou hearest not; * and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy, * O thou Worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee: * they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee and were holpen: * they put their trust in thee and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man; * a very scorn of men and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: * they shoot out their lips and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God that he would deliver him: * let him deliver him if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: * thou wast my hope when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: * thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me; for trouble is hard at hand; * and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me: * fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths, * as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

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I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: * my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums; * and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me: * and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones: * they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them, * and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord: * thou art my succor, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword; * my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth: * thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren: * in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him; * magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; * he hath

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not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation : * my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him ; * your heart shall live forever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : * and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's : * and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth * have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : * and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him; * they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness * unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

Antiphon. They part my garments among them, * and cast lots upon my vesture.

Antiphon. There are false witnesses † risen up against me, * and such as speak wrong.

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Psalm 27. *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, * they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: * and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord which I will require: * even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: * yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head * above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; * I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: * have mercy upon me and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face, * Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

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O hide not thou thy face from me; * nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succor; * leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me * the Lord taketh me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, * and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: * for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

I should utterly have fainted, * but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure: * be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Antiphon. There are false witnesses risen up against me, * and such as speak wrong.

V. They part my garments among them.

R. And cast lots upon my vesture. Our Father (*secretly*).

From the Lamentations of Jeremiah, the Prophet.

Lesson I, Chapter 2. 8.

Heth. The Lord hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of

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Sion : he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying : therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament · they languished together.

Teth. Her gates are sunk into the ground ; he hath destroyed and broken her bars : her king and her princes are among the Gentiles : the law is no more ; her prophets also find no vision from the Lord.

Jod. The elders of tne daughters of Sion sit upon the ground, and keep silence : they have cast up dust upon their heads ; they have girded themselves with sackcloth : the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

Caph. Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people : because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

Jerusalem ! Jerusalem ! return unto tne Lord thy God.

R. All they that loved me have forsaken me, and they that lay wait for me have prevailed against me ; he whom I loved hath betrayed me : * And men of terrible countenance, piercing me with a cruel wound, have given me vinegar to drink. *V.* They cast me out among the wicked, and spared not my soul. And men.

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Lesson II.

Lamed. They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mother's bosom.

Mem. What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what thing shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Sion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?

Nun. Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.

Samech. All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! return unto the Lord thy God.

R. The veil of the temple was rent in twain, * And the whole earth did quake: the thief upon the cross cried out, saying: Remember me, O Lord, when thou comest into thy kingdom.

V. The rocks rent, and the graves

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were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose. And the whole.

Lesson III, Chapter 3.

Aleph. I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

Aleph. He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.

Aleph. Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day.

Beth. My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.

Beth. He had builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail.

Beth. He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old.

Ghimel. He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.

Ghimel. Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

Ghimel. He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! return unto the Lord thy God.

R. O my noble vine, I had planted thee: ℣ How then art thou turned into bitterness, that thou shouldest crucify me, and release Barabbas? *V.* I fenced thee, and gathered out the stones from thee, and built a tower in

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the midst of thee. How then. O my noble vine.

Nocturn II.

Antiphon. They also † that sought after my life * laid snares for me.

Psalm 38. *Domine, ne in furore.*

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger : * neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

For thine arrows stick fast in me, * and thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure ; * neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head : * and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

My wounds stink, and are corrupt * through my foolishness.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery; * that I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a sore disease : * and there is no whole part in my body.

I am feeble and sore smitten ; * I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

Lord, thou knowest all my desire, * and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : * and the light of mine eyes is gone from me.

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My lovers and my neighbors did stand looking upon my trouble; * and my kinsmen stood afar off.

They also that sought after my life laid snares for me; * and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

As for me, I was like a deaf man and heard not; * and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

I became even as a man that heareth not, * and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: * thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me: * for when my foot slipt, they rejoiced greatly against me.

And I truly am set in the plague: * and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

For I will confess my wickedness: * and be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies live and are mighty; * and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

They also that reward evil for good are against me; * because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: * be not thou far from me.

Haste thee to help me, * O Lord God of my salvation.

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Antiphon. They also that sought after my life * laid snares for me.

Antiphon. Let them be ashamed † and confounded together, * that seek after my soul to destroy it.

Psalm 40. *Expectans expectavi.*

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; * and he inclined unto me and heard my calling.

He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, * and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, * even a thanksgiving unto our God.

Many shall see it and fear, * and shall put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord, * and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts, which are to us-ward: * and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

If I should declare them, and speak of them, * they should be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifices and meat-offering thou wouldest not; * but mine ears hast thou opened.

Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin

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hast thou not required : * Then said I, Lo, I come.

In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God : * I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation : * lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; * my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation.

I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth * from the great congregation.

Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord : * let thy loving-kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.

For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up; * yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me : * make haste, O Lord, to help me.

Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; * let them be driven backward, and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.

Let them be desolate and rewarded

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with shame * that say unto me, Fie upon thee! fie upon thee!

Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: * and let such as love thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and needy; * but the Lord careth for me.

Thou art my helper and redeemer; * make no long tarrying, O my God.

Antiphon. Let them be ashamed and confounded together, * that seek after my soul to destroy it.

Antiphon. Lo, strangers † are risen up against me * and tyrants seek after my soul.

Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God; * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper: * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord: * because it is so comfortable.

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For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Antiphon. Lo, strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants seek after my soul.

V. There are false witnesses risen up against me.

R. And such as speak wrong.

Our Father (*secretly*).

From the Treatise of Saint Augustine the Bishop, on the Psalms.

Lesson IV, on Ps. 64. 2.

'HIDE me from the gathering together of the froward, and from the insurrection of wicked doers.' Now let us contemplate our Head himself. Many martyrs have suffered like things, but naught shineth out in such wise as the Head of the martyrs; in him we best perceive what they endured. He was hidden from the insurrection of the froward: God protected himself; the Very Son, with the manhood which he took upon him, protected his own flesh. For he is both Son of man and Son of God: Son of God, being in the form of God; and Son of man, being in the form of a servant, having power to lay down his life, and to take it again. What could his enemies do against him? They killed the body, the soul they killed not. Give heed: it were not

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enough for the Lord to encourage martyrs by his word, did he not strengthen them by his example.

R. Are ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves for to take me? * I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me: and now, behold, ye scourge me, and lead me away to be crucified. *V.* And when they had laid their hands on Jesus, and taken hold upon him, he said unto them. I sat daily.

Lesson V.

YE know what was 'the gathering together of the froward' Jews, and what was 'the insurrection of the wicked doers.' What was their wicked deed? It was that they wished to kill the Lord Jesus Christ. 'Many good works,' saith he, 'have I showed you; for which of them do you wish to kill me?' He bore all their infirmities, he healed all their sick, he preached unto them the kingdom of heaven; he held not his peace at their iniquities, so that they might rather hate the same, than the Physician who made them whole. Yet being unthankful for all these his remedies, like men frenzied with a great fever, they raved against the Physician who had come to heal them, and took counsel together to destroy him; as though they would therein prove whether he were very

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man, that could die; or somewhat more than man, and would not suffer himself to die. We perceive the saying of these men in the Wisdom of Solomon: 'Let us condemn him,' they say, 'with a shameful death. Let us examine him: for by his own saying he shall be respected. If he be truly the Son of God, let him deliver him.'

R. There was darkness over all the land when Jesus was crucified by the Jews: and about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying; My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? * And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. *V.* And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said; Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And he bowed.

Lesson VI.

'THEY have whet their tongue like a sword.' Let not the Jews say, we did not kill Christ. For they delivered him up to Pilate the judge, to the end that they themselves should seem guiltless of his death. Thus when Pilate had said unto them, 'Take ye him, and crucify him;' they answered him, 'It is not lawful for us to put any man to death.' They desired to cast the injustice of their wicked deed upon a human judge; deceived they anywise God the Judge? What Pilate did made him somewhat a par-

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taker of their guilt: but in comparison with them he was much more innocent. For he did what he could to deliver him out of their hands, and therefore ordered him to be scourged and brought before them. He scourged not the Lord in persecution, but to satisfy their rage; that, when they saw him scourged, they might be touched with compassion, and cease to desire his death. This then he did. But when they persisted, ye know how he washed his hands and said that he did it not himself, that he was innocent of his death. Nevertheless he did do it. But if he be guilty that did it against his will, shall they be innocent who compelled him to do it? By no means. He gave sentence upon him, and delivered him to be crucified, and thus in a manner slew him: but ye also, O Jews, have killed him. How did ye kill him? With the sword of the tongue: for ye have whet your tongue. And when smote ye, but when ye cried out, 'Crucify him, crucify him?'

R. I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies, mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest: mine adversary crieth out against me, saying; Assemble yourselves together and make haste, come to devour him: they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness, the whole land mourneth unto me: ✱

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Because there was none found that would know me, or do me any good. *V.* Merciless men rose up against me, and spared not my soul. Because. I have given.

Nocturn III.

Antiphon. Defend me, O Lord, † from them that rise up against me; ✱ for lo, they lie waiting for my soul.

Psalm 59. *Eripe me de inimicis.*

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O God: ✱ defend me from them that rise up against me.

O deliver me from the wicked doers, ✱ and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

For lo, they lie waiting for my soul: ✱ the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O Lord.

They run and prepare themselves without my fault; ✱ arise thou therefore to help me and behold.

Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen: ✱ and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

They go to and fro in the evening: ✱ they grin like a dog and run about through the city.

Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips: ✱ for who doth hear?

But thou, O Lord, shalt have them

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in derision; * and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

My strength will I ascribe unto thee: * for thou art the God of my refuge.

God showeth me his goodness plenteously: * and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

Slay them not, lest my people forget it: * but scatter them abroad among the people and put them down, O Lord our defence.

For the sin of their mouth and for the words of their lips, they shall be taken in their pride: * and why? their preaching is of cursing and lies.

Consume them in thy wrath, consume them that they may perish: * and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.

And in the evening they will return; * grin like a dog and will go about the city.

They will run here and there for meat, * and grudge if they be not satisfied.

As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning: * for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Unto thee, O my strength will I sing: * for thou, O God, art my refuge and my merciful God.

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Antiphon. Defend me, O Lord, from them that rise up against me; * for lo, they lie waiting for my soul.

Antiphon. Thou hast put away † mine acquaintance far from me; * I am so fast in prison that I cannot get forth.

Psalm 88. *Domine, Deus.*

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: * O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling;

For my soul is full of trouble: * and my life draweth nigh unto hell.

I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit: * and I have been even as a man that hath no strength.

Free among the dead, like unto them that are wounded and lie in the grave, * who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.

Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, * in a place of darkness and in the deep.

Thine indignation lieth hard upon me, * and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.

Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; * and made me to be abhorred of them.

I am so fast in prison, * that I cannot get forth.

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My sight faileth for very trouble : * Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.

Dost thou show wonders among the dead ? * or shall the dead rise up again and praise thee ?

Shall thy loving-kindness be showed in the grave ? * or thy faithfulness in destruction ?

Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark ? * and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten ?

Unto thee have I cried, O Lord ; * and early shall my prayer come before thee.

Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul ? * and hidest thou thy face from me ?

I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die : * even from my youth up, thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me ; * and the fear of thee hath undone me.

They came round about me daily like water ; * and compassed me together on every side.

My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me, * and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

Antiphon. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me ; * I am so fast in prison that I cannot get forth.

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Antiphon. They gather them together † against the soul of the righteous ; ✱ and condemn the innocent blood.

Psalm 94. *Deus ultionum.*

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth ; ✱ thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself.

Arise, thou Judge of the world : ✱ and reward the proud after their deserving.

Lord, how long shall the ungodly : ✱ how long shall the ungodly triumph ?

How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully ? ✱ and make such proud boasting ?

They smite down thy people, O Lord, ✱ and trouble thine heritage.

They murder the widow and the stranger, ✱ and put the fatherless to death.

And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see, ✱ neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Take heed, ye unwise among the people : ✱ O ye fools, when will ye understand ?

He that planted the ear, shall he not hear ? ✱ or he that made the eye, shall he not see ?

Or he that nurtureth the heathen, ✱ it is he that teacheth man knowledge ; shall not he punish ?

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, ✱ that they are but vain.

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Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, * and teachest him in thy law;

That thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity, * until the pit be digged up for the ungodly.

For the Lord will not fail his people, * neither will he forsake his inheritance.

Until righteousness turn again unto judgment: * all such as are true in heart shall follow it.

Who will rise up with me against the wicked? * or who will take my part against the evil doers?

If the Lord had not helped me, * it had not failed, but my soul had been put to silence.

But when I said, My foot hath slipt: * thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart, * thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

Wilt thou have anything to do with the stool of wickedness, * which imagineth mischief as a law?

They gather them together against the soul of the righteous, * and condemn the innocent blood.

But the Lord is my refuge; * and my God is the strength of my confidence.

He shall recompense them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice; * yea, the Lord our God shall destroy them.

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Antiphon. They gather them together against the soul of the righteous ; * and condemn the innocent blood.

V. They have spoken against me with false tongues.

R. They compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

Our Father (*secretly*).

From the Epistle of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews.

Lesson VII, Chapter 4. 11.

LET us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight : but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities ; but

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was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

R. They have delivered me up into the hands of the wicked, and cast me out among transgressors, and spared not my soul. The mighty men are gathered together against me; ℣ Yea, even as giants they stood up against me. *V.* Strangers are risen up against me, and tyrants seek after my soul. Yea, even as giants.

Lesson VIII.

LET us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

R. A wicked man betrayed Jesus to the chief priests and rulers, and to the elders of the people: ℣ But Peter followed him afar off, that he might see the end. *V.* And they led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter.

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Lesson IX.

AND no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to-day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

R. The sight of mine eyes is gone from me, because of my weeping; for he that comforteth me is removed far from me. Behold, all ye people, ✱ If there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. *V.* Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see. If there be. The sight.

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AT LAUDS

[*Said as part of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday evening.*]

Antiphon. God † spared not his own Son, * but delivered him up for us all.

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean : * thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

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Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord; * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion: * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Antiphon. God spared not his own Son, * but delivered him up for us all.

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Antiphon. My spirit † is vexed within me, * and my heart within me is desolate.

Psalm 143. *Domine, exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : * hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant : * for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul ; he hath smitten my life down to the ground ; * he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me ; * and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past ; I muse upon all thy works ; * yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee : * my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : * hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust : * show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

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Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : * for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God : * let thy loving spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake : * and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy goodness slay mine enemies, * and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

Antiphon. My spirit is vexed within me, * and my heart within me is desolate.

Antiphon. One thief answered the other, † We indeed receive the due reward of our deeds : but this man hath done nothing amiss. * Remember me, O Lord, when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Psalm 85. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land : * thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, * and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure : * and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour, * and let thine anger cease from us.

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Wilt thou be displeased at us forever? * and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us: * that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Show us thy mercy, O Lord, * and grant us thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me: * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; * that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth; * and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness; * and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; * and he shall direct his going in the way.

Antiphon. One thief answered the other, We indeed receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. * Remember me, O Lord, when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Antiphon. When my soul was full of heaviness, † O Lord, * thou remembered mercy.

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Canticle, Habakkuk 3. 2.

O LORD, I have heard thy speech, * and was afraid.

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, † in the midst of the years make known; * in wrath remember mercy.

God came from Teman, * and the Holy One from mount Paran.

His glory covered the heavens, * and the earth was full of his praise.

And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: * and there was the hiding of his power.

Before him went the pestilence, * and burning coals went forth at his feet.

He stood and measured the earth: * he beheld, and drove asunder the nations:

And the everlasting mountains were scattered, † the perpetual hills did bow; * his ways are everlasting.

I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: * and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? † was thine anger against the rivers? * was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?

Thy bow was made quite naked, * according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word.

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Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers : * the mountains saw thee, and they trembled.

The overflowing of the water passed by : * the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.

The sun and moon stood still in their habitation : * at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.

Thou didst march through the land in indignation, * thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, * even for salvation with thine Anointed;

Thou woundest the head out of the house of the wicked, * by discovering the foundation unto the neck.

Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages : † they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me : * their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, * through the heap of great waters.

When I heard my belly trembled; * my lips quivered at the voice.

Rottenness entered into my bones, * and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble.

When he cometh up unto the people, * he will invade them with his troops.

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Although the fig tree shall not blossom, * neither shall fruit be in the vines.

The labor of the olive shall fail, * and the fields shall yield no meat;

The flock shall be cut off from the fold, * and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, * I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, * and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Antiphon. When my soul was full of heaviness, O Lord, thou remember-edst mercy.

Antiphon. Remember me † O Lord my God, * when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Psalm 147. 12. *Lauda, Jerusalem.*

PRAISE the Lord, O Jerusalem * ; praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates; * and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, * and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth : * and his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool : * and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

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He casteth forth his ice like morsels : ✱ who is able to abide his frost?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them : ✱ he bloweth with his wind and the waters flow.

He showeth his word unto Jacob, ✱ his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation : ✱ neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

Antiphon. Remember me O Lord my God, ✱ when thou comest into thy kingdom.

V. He hath laid me in the darkness.

R. As the men that have been long dead.

Antiphon upon Benedictus. And they set up † over his head his accusation written : ✱ This is Jesus the King of the Jews.

All the candles upon the triangular stand having now been put out, except the one placed at the top, the six candles placed from the beginning upon the Altar shall also be extinguished one by one during the singing of the Canticle Benedictus; *so that at the last verse, the last candle shall be put out. The lamps and other lights throughout the church shall likewise be extinguished.*

Canticle, St. Luke 1. 68–79.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel ; ✱ for he hath visited and redeemed his people ;

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And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us * in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, * which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, * and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * and to remember his holy covenant:

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, * all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, † and in the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Antiphon. And they set up over his

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head his accusation written : ℣ This is Jesus the King of the Jews.

During the repetition of the Antiphon, the topmost candle shall be taken from the Candelabrum, and hidden from sight under the Epistle corner of the Altar.

The Antiphon having been repeated after Benedictus, *then shall be said, all kneeling:*

V. Christ became obedient for us unto death.

On the second night shall be added:

Even the death of the cross.

On the third night shall be added:

WHEREFORE God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name which is above every name.

Our Father (*in secret*).

Psalm 51. *Miserere, mei, Deus.*

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Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

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Cast me not away from thy presence; * and take not thy holy spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

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Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Collect ended, some noise and clatter is made; the lighted candle is at once brought forth from beneath the Altar; and all rise and depart in silence.

FRIDAY AT PRIME

The Deus in adjutorium *is not said at the beginning of the offices on these days; but after the* Pater, Ave, (*and where proper the* Credo) *have been said in silence, the Offices begin straight from the first Antiphon.*

The Gloria Patri *is everywhere omitted:* e. g. *after the Psalms and in the Responsories.*

Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.

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Hear my prayer, O God; * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper : * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : * destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord : * because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Psalm 119. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, * and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, * and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness * walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged * that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded, * while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

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I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, * when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies : * O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ? * even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee : * O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart, * that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord : * O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, * as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments, * and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes : * and I will not forget thy word.

Psalm 119, ii. *Retribue servo tuo.*

O DO well unto thy servant, * that I may live and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, * that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth : * O hide not thy commandments from me.

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My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire * that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

Thou hast rebuked the proud, * and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke; * for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: * but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

For thy testimonies are my delight * and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth to the dust: * O quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: * O teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: * and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness: * comfort thou me according unto thy word.

Take from me the way of lying: * and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth: * and thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: * O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of thy command-

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ments, * when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

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Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

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Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

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Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean : * thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness ; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

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Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; * and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

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The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion: * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

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PRIME

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TERCE

Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are said inaudibly. The Office begins immediately with three Psalms.*

Psalm 119, iii. *Legem pone.*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law, yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: for thy judgments are good.

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Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord : even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for my trust is in thy word.

O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth : for my hope is in thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep thy law : yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty : for I seek thy commandments.

I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings : and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in thy commandments : which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved : and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Psalm 119, iv. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word : wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble : for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrinked from thy law.

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For I have remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord : and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night season : and have kept thy law.

This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep thy law.

I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste and prolonged not the time : to keep thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee : because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee : and keep thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy : O teach me thy statutes.

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Psalm 119, v. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right : and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to thy word unto thy servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto

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me, that I may live : for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

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SEXT

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Psalm 119, vi. *Defecit anima mea.*

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for thy word : saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant : when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

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The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely ; O be thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not thy commandments.

O quicken me after thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

O Lord, thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance : for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law: I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, O save me ; for I have sought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me, to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Psalm 119, vii. *Quomodo dilexi!*

LORD, what love have I unto thy law: all the day long is my study in it.

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Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers : for thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged : because I keep thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep thy word.

I have not shrunk from thy judgments : for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!

Through thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord : and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

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I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

Psalm 119, viii. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I HATE them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.

O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgments.

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.

O deal with thy servant according

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unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.

For I love thy commandments: above gold and precious stones.

Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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Psalm 119, ix. *Mirabilia.*

THY testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them.

When thy word goeth forth : it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

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I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath : for my delight was in thy commandments.

O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me : as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

Order my steps in thy word : and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep thy commandments.

Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant : and teach me thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water : because men keep not thy law.

Righteous art thou, O Lord : and true is thy judgment.

The testimonies that thou hast commanded : are exceeding righteous and true.

My zeal hath even consumed me : because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is tried to the uttermost : and thy servant loveth it.

I am small and of no reputation : yet do I not forget thy commandments.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness : and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : yet is my delight in thy commandments.

The righteousness of thy testimonies

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is everlasting : O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Psalm 119, x. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I CALL with my whole heart : hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

Yea, even unto thee do I call : help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee : for in thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches : that I might be occupied in thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness : quicken me, according as thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and are far from thy law.

Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all thy commandments are true.

As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since : that thou hast grounded them forever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget thy law.

Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me according to thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not thy statutes.

Great is thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the trans-

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gressors : because they keep not thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments, O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

Psalm 119, xi. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee : because of thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health : and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before thee.

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord : give me understanding according to thy word.

My lips shall speak of thy praise : when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

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Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : for all thy commandments are righteous.

Let thine hand help me : for I have chosen thy commandments.

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord : and in thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee : and thy judgments shall help me.

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GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Office

The Church commemorates every day the bloody sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross by a true and real unbloody Sacrifice, in which she offers to God the same Body and Blood that were given for the sins of the world. But on Good Friday she offers

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no sacrifice, nor is there any consecration of the Holy Eucharist; the Priest receiving the sacred Host which he had consecrated the day before. So that, in the office which is performed, instead of the Mass, she contents herself with a bare representation of the Passion, and makes it her chief business to expose to the faithful Jesus Christ crucified for them. For this end she reads such Lessons and Tracts as contain predictions of his coming for their redemption, and types of his immolation on the cross, and then she reads the history of the Passion, as related by St. John, to show how the Law and the prophets were fulfilled by the Gospel.

The faithful by these Lessons are instructed in the mystery of this day, and therefore beg with the Priest the fruit and application of this passion, by praying for all sorts of persons, even Schismatics, Heretics, Jews, and Pagans. None are excluded from the suffrages of the Church on a day when Jesus Christ prayed for his persecutors, and offered his Blood to his Father for the salvation of those who shed it.

Next, both Priest and people adore Jesus Christ crucified, expressing their adoration by kneeling thrice before they kiss the cross. The veneration of the cross is as ancient as Christianity itself. If at the bare name of Jesus every knee should bend, what feelings should arise in a Christian breast at the sight of the sacred sign of redemption? It is not to the frail materials of the cross that we pay our adoration, but to him who on it offered for our sins the sacrifice of propitiation.

After the ceremony, the Priest brings back to the altar the Body of our Lord

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with the same solemnity as it was carried from thence on Thursday, and finishes the office by receiving the sacred Victim that was slain this day for the redemption of mankind.

THE MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED

When None is over the Priest and his assistants, in black vestments, go to the Altar without lights and incense, and prostrate themselves before it, while the Acolytes cover it with a single linen cloth. Then the Priest, with his assistants, goes up to the Altar and kisses it in the midst, and the Reader, going to the place where the Epistle is read, begins to read the Lesson without title; during which the Priest reads it silently at the Altar at the Epistle side.

Hosea 5. 15—6. 6.

THUS saith the Lord: In their affliction they will seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah,

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what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets: I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

The following Tract is sung by the Choir, the Priest meanwhile reading it:

The Tract. *Habakkuk* 3. 2-3.

O Lord, I have heard thy speech and was afraid: I considered thy works and trembled.

V. Thou wilt appear between two animals; in the midst of the years make known: when the time shall come, thou wilt be manifested.

V. When my soul is afflicted, in wrath remember mercy.

V. God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran.

V. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

At the end of the Tract the Priest at the Epistle side says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee (*and genuflects*).

Subdeacon. Arise (*rising from his knees*).

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O GOD, from whom Judas received the punishment of his crime, as well as the thief the reward of his confession, grant to us the fruit of thy propitiation: that, as Jesus Christ our Lord in his passion accorded to each the due reward of his deserts, so also to us purged of the error of our former life, he may impart the grace of his resurrection; who liveth with thee, &c.

Then a Subdeacon reads the following Lesson, but without title:

The Lesson. Exodus 12.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you he beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: and if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls: every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole

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assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand: and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.

The following Tract is sung by the choir:

The Tract. Psalm 140. *Eripe me, Domine.*

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man: * and preserve me from the wicked man;

Who imagine mischief in their hearts; * and stir up strife all the day long.

They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; * adder's poison is under their lips.

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly; * preserve me from

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the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords; ✱ yea, and set traps in my way.

I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: ✱ hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.

O Lord God, thou strength of my health, ✱ thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord: ✱ let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them ✱ that compass me about.

Let hot burning coals fall upon them: ✱ let them be cast into the fire, and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name: ✱ and the just shall continue in thy sight.

When the Passion is sung, the singing is generally divided in the following manner: the narrative portion, here marked C (narrator), is sung by one of the Deacons; the words uttered by Our Lord, marked ✠, are sung by another; those spoken by any other person speaking alone, marked S (synagoga), by a third Deacon.

The Tract ended, the reading of the Passion begins.

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The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

St. John 18. 1.

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them ✠ Whom seek ye? *C.* They answered him, *S.* Jesus of Nazareth. *C.* Jesus saith unto them, ✠ I am he. *C.* And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked he them again, ✠ Whom seek ye? *C.* And they said, *S.* Jesus of Nazareth. *C.* Jesus answered, ✠ I have told you that I am he; if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: *C.* that the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none. Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high

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priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, ✠Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my father hath given me, shall I not drink it? *C.* Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, *S.* Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? *C.* He saith, *S.* I am not. *C.* And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. *C.* Jesus answered him, ✠I spake openly to the world; I ever

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taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. *C.* And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, *S.* Answerest thou the high priest so? *C.* Jesus answered him, ✠If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? *C.* Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, *S.* Art not thou also one of his disciples? *C.* He denied it, and said, *S.* I am not. *C.* One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, *S.* Did not I see thee in the garden with him? *C.* Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew. Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them and said, *S.* What accusation bring ye against this man? *C.* They answered and said unto him, *S.* If he were not a malefactor, we would not have de-

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livered him up to thee. *C.* Then said Pilate unto them, *S.* Take ye him and judge him, according to your law. *C.* The Jews therefore said unto him, *S.* It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: *C.* That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him. *S.* Art thou the King of the Jews? *C.* Jesus answered him, ✠ Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? *C.* Pilate answered, *S.* Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? *C.* Jesus answered, ✠ My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world: then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. *C.* Pilate therefore said unto him, *S.* Art thou a king then? *C.* Jesus answered, ✠ Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. *C.* Pilate saith unto him, *S.* What is truth? *C.* And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, *S.* I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a

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custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? *C.* Then cried they all again, saying, *S.* Not this man but Barabbas. *C.* Now Barabbas was a robber.

Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, *S.* Hail, King of the Jews! *C.* and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, *S.* Behold I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. *C.* Then Jesus came forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, *S.* Behold the man! *C.* When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, *S.* Crucify him, crucify him. *C.* Pilate saith unto them, *S.* Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. *C.* The Jews answered him, *S.* We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. *C.* When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, *S.* Whence art thou? *C.* But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, *S.* Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou

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not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? *C.* Jesus answered, ✠Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. *C.* And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, *S.* If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Caesar. *C.* When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, *S.* Behold your King! *C.* But they cried out, *S.* Away with him, away with him, crucify him. *C.* Pilate saith unto them, *S.* Shall I crucify your King? *C.* The chief priests answered, *S.* We have no king but Caesar. *C.* Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate

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wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, *S.* Write not, The King of the Jews: but that he said, I am the King of the Jews. *C.* Pilate answered, *S.* What I have written I have written. *C.* Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, *S.* Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: *C.* that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, ✠ Woman, behold thy son! *C.* Then saith he to the disciple, ✠ Behold thy mother! *C.* And from that hour that

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disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, ✠I thirst. *C.* Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, ✠It is finished: *C.* and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (*Here a genuflection is made and a short pause.*) The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

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Here the Munda Cor is said.

CLEANSE, O Lord, my heart and my lips, thou who didst cleanse the lips of the Prophet Isaiah with a coal of fire; and do thou vouchsafe so to purify me that I may worthily proclaim thy holy gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What follows is read in the Gospel tone, but without the usual accompanying ceremonies: the blessing, the bringing of light, incense, and the kissing of the book at the end.

AND after this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the Body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the Body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the Body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

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Then the priest standing at the Epistle side begins immediately, holding his hands joined:

LET us pray, dearly beloved, for the Holy Church of God; that our Lord God would vouchsafe to guard, unite, and preserve it in peace throughout the whole world, subduing unto it all powers and principalities; and that he would grant us both quiet and peaceable lives, and grace to glorify God the Father Almighty.

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.
Subdeacon. Arise.

The Collect is sung in the ferial tone, the hands extended. This usage maintains in what follows.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast manifested thy glory to all nations in Christ; keep, we beseech thee, that which thine own mercy hath wrought; that thy Church, spread abroad throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth. *R.* Amen.

LET us pray also for our Bishop; that our Lord God, who hath chosen him for the episcopal office, would preserve him in health and safety to his church, for the governance of God's holy people.

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Let us pray. Let us bend the knee. Arise.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose wisdom all things are established; graciously hearken unto our prayers, and keep thy chosen servant, our Bishop *N.* in thy faith and fear, that the Christian folk under thy governance, may increase ever more and more through the merits of so faithful a shepherd. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth. *R.* Amen.

LET us pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, together with those who serve in the lesser ministries of the Church, and in Religious orders; and for all the holy people of God.

Let us pray. Let us bend the knee. Arise.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Who liveth.

LET us pray also for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority, that our Lord God, restraining by them every force of evil,

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may keep us in perpetual peace and safety.

Let us pray. Let us bend the knee. Arise.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, *The Governor of this State*, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honor and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

LET us pray also for our catechumens; and those who are under instruction: that our Lord God would open the ear of their hearts, and fling wide the gate of his mercy; that through the washing of regeneration they may obtain remission of all their sins, and be found among the members of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray. Let us bend the knee. Arise.

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost ever enrich thy Church with new offspring; increase the knowledge and faith of our catechumens, that they may be born anew in the waters of Baptism, and added to the number of thy children by adoption and grace. Through. Who. *R.* Amen.

LET us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father Almighty: that he would purge the world from every error, would banish all diseases, drive away famine, open the prisons and loosen every chain; that he would assure a way of return to them that journey, restore the sick unto health, and bring all that travel by sea to a haven of safety.

Let us pray. Let us bend the knee. Arise.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the comfort of the afflicted and the strength of them that travail: let the prayers of those who cry out by reason of any tribulation prevail before thee: that all may rejoice to have found the power of thy loving mercy in their several necessities. Through. Who. *R.* Amen.

LET us pray also for all those that are in heresy and schism, that our Lord God may deliver them from

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all errors, and vouchsafe to restore them to their holy mother the Catholic and Apostolic Church: and for the faithless Jews, that he would take away the veil from their hearts, so that they also may acknowledge Christ Jesus as Lord!

LET us pray also for the heathen, that he would cleanse their hearts from all iniquity; so that forsaking their idols they may turn to the living and true God, and to his only Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray. Let us bend the knee. Arise.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, infidels, and heretics; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

After the Prayers, the Priest puts off his vestment, and taking from the altar the cross covered with a veil, he goes to the Epistle

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corner, where he uncovers the top of it, and shows it to the people singing the Antiphon:

Behold the wood of the cross.

Then the Deacons and Subdeacons join with him in singing the rest:

Whereon hung the Saviour of the world.

O come ye, let us worship.

From thence the Priest proceeds to the right side of the altar, where he uncovers the right arm of the cross, singing a second time, **Behold the wood,** *as before. Lastly, he goes to the middle of the altar, and uncovers the whole cross, singing a third time,* **Behold the wood,** *as before. After which he carries it to a place prepared before the altar, where he adores, first himself, and then the clergy and laity, all kneeling thrice on both knees and kissing the feet of the crucifix. What follows may be sung wholly or in part.*

During the adoration, two chanters in the middle of the choir sing the following verse:

THE REPROACHES

(*To be sung all kneeling*).

O MY people, what have I done unto thee? or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me. Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt, thou preparedst a cross for thy Saviour.

R. **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.**

V. **Because I led thee through the**

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wilderness forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou preparedst a cross for thy Saviour.

R. Holy God.

V. What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceeding fair fruit, and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar mingled with gall thou gavest me to quench my thirst; and with a lance hast thou pierced the side of thy Saviour.

R. Holy God.

V. I scourged Egypt with his first-born for thy sake: and thou didst deliver me to be scourged.

R. O my people, what have I done unto thee? or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

V. I brought thee out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea: and thou didst deliver me to the Chief Priests.

R. O my people.

V. I opened the sea before thee: and thou openedst my side with a spear.

R. O my people.

V. I went before thee in a cloudy pillar: and thou leddest me before the judgment seat of Pilate.

R. O my people.

V. I rained manna upon thee in the

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wilderness: and thou didst fall on me with swords and staves.

R. O my people.

V. I gave thee to drink from the Rock of the water of salvation: and thou gavest me gall and vinegar to drink.

R. O my people.

V. I smote the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake: and thou didst smite my head with a reed.

R. O my people.

V. I gave thee a royal scepter: and thou gavest my head a crown of thorns.

R. O my people.

V. I exalted thee unto great honor: and thou didst lift me up upon the gibbet of the cross.

R. O my people.

Antiphon. We venerate thy Cross, O Lord: * and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection: for behold, through the Tree joy hath come to the whole world.

Psalm 67. *Deus misereatur.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; * and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, * thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be

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glad : * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon the earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God ; * yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase ; * and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us ; * and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Antiphon. We venerate thy Cross, O Lord : * and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection : for behold, through the Tree joy hath come to the whole world.

Verses. *Crux Fidelis.*

FAITHFUL cross ! above all other,
One and only noble tree !
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be :

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron !
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Hymn. *Pange lingua gloriosi.*

SING, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the winning of the fray,
And above the Cross, the trophy,
Sound the high triumphal lay ;
Tell of how the world's Redeemer
As a Victim won the day.

Faithful cross ! above all other,
One and only noble tree !
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.

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GOOD FRIDAY

God our Maker, deeply grieving
  That the first-made Adam fell,
When he took the fruit forbidden
  Which to taste was death and hell,
Noted then this Tree, the ruin
  Of the first tree to dispel.

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
  Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Thus the work of our salvation
  Needs must fill its ordered plan;
Craft the shifting traitor baffle
  As his craft deluded man;
And the medicine of healing
  Spring whence first the hurt began.

Faithful cross! above all other,
  One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
  None in fruit thy peer may be.

Therefore when the sacred fulness
  Of the appointed time was come,
God the Son, the world's Creator,
  Sent from out the Father's home,
Issued forth on earth incarnate,
  Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
  Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Lo, the Infant weepeth, lying
  Where the narrow manger stands;
While his blessed Virgin Mother
  Wrappeth him in swaddling bands
Till the tightly girded linen
  Bindeth limbs, and feet, and hands.

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Faithful cross! above all other,
  One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
  None in fruit thy peer may be.

Thirty years among us dwelling,
  His appointed time fulfilled,
Born for this, he meets his passion,
  For that this he freely willed:
On the cross the Lamb is lifted,
  Where his life-blood shall be spilled.

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
  Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

He endured the nails, the spitting,
  Vinegar, and spear, and reed;
From that holy body broken
  Blood and water forth proceed:
Earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean,
  By that flood from stain are freed.

Faithful cross! above all other,
  One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
  None in fruit thy peer may be.

Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!
  Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigor,
  That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the king of heavenly beauty
  On thy bosom gently tend!

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
  Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

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GOOD FRIDAY

Thou alone wast counted worthy
  This world's ransom to sustain,
That a shipwreck'd race for ever
  Might a port of refuge gain,
With the sacred Blood anointed
  Of the Lamb for sinners slain.

Faithful cross! above all other,
  One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
  None in fruit thy peer may be.

Laud and honor to the Father;
  Laud and honor to the Son;
Laud and honor to the Spirit:
  Ever Three, and ever One;
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
  While unending ages run. Amen.

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
  Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Towards the end of the adoration of the Holy Cross, candles are lighted upon the Altar; and the Deacon, receiving the Burse with the Corporal, spreads the Corporal in the usual way, and puts a Purificator by it, and when the adoration is over, reverently receives the Cross and carries it back to the Altar. Then a procession is formed to the place where, on the previous day, the Blessed Sacrament had been laid. The Subdeacon goes first with the Cross between two acolytes bearing candlesticks with lighted candles and then the clergy in order, last of all the priest with the ministers. When they arrive at the Altar of Repose other torches are lighted which are not to be extinguished until after the consumption of the Sacred Host. The Priest genuflects

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before the Blessed Sacrament, and prays awhile; the Deacon meanwhile opens the Tabernacle. Then the Priest rises, and without blessing the incense he puts it in two Thuribles, the Deacon presenting the Boat. He then genuflects and censes the Blessed Sacrament. The Deacon takes the Chalice with the Host in it from the Tabernacle and gives it into the hands of the Priest, covering it with the ends of the Humeral Veil which is around his shoulders. The procession is formed in the original order, a Baldachino or Canopy being carried over the Blessed Sacrament, while two acolytes with Thuribles continually cense the Blessed Sacrament. (They walk backwards censing the Sacred Host in order not to turn their backs to Our Divine Lord.)

Meanwhile is sung the hymn: The Royal Banners forward go.

Hymn. *Vexilla Regis.*

THE royal banners forward go;
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations God, saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the tree.

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O tree of beauty, tree of light!
O tree with royal purple dight!
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest.

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of human kind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
This holy Passion-tide, avail
To give fresh merit to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

When the Priest arrives at the High Altar, he places the Chalice upon it, genuflects, and again censes it. Then he ascends to the Altar, takes the Sacred Host out of the Chalice and places it upon the Paten which the Deacon holds; and receiving the Paten from the hand of the Deacon, he places the Sacred Host upon the Corporal, saying nothing. If he touch the Blessed Sacrament he washes his hands in a vessel prepared for that use. Meanwhile the Deacon puts wine in the Chalice and the Subdeacon water, which the Priest does not bless, nor does he say the usual prayer. He receives the Chalice from the Deacon, and places it upon the Altar, saying nothing. Then the Deacon covers it with the Pall. He then puts incense in the Thurible without blessing it and censes the oblations and the Altar in the accustomed manner, genuflecting before and after, and whenever he crosses before the Blessed Sacrament. When the Deacon censes the oblations, he says:

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LET this incense, which thou hast blessed, ascend to thee, O Lord; and let thy mercy descend to us.

When he censes the Altar he says:

LET my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: and keep the door of my lips. O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing.

And he turns to the people at the Gospel corner, saying as usual:

BRETHREN pray that this my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

Then he returns the same way, not completing the circle, and sings the following with the proper musical setting:

Let us pray.

INSTRUCTED by saving precepts, and taught by divine example we are bold to say:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

The Priest says silently, Amen, *and in the same voice in which he said* Our Father, *and*

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without Let us pray, *he says in the tone of the Ferial Collect of the Mass:*

DELIVER us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of God, with that of thy blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and Andrew, and of all saints, graciously grant peace in our time; (*He does not sign himself with the Paten as usual*) that by the help of thy mercy we may ever be set free from sin and safe from all disquietude; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Then the Priest making a reverence down to the ground, places the Paten beneath the Sacred Host, which he takes in his right hand and elevates so that it can be seen by the people; and immediately he breaks it into three parts over the Chalice in the usual way. The last of which three he puts into the Chalice, saying nothing. The Peace of the Lord *is not said, nor* O Lamb of God, *nor is the kiss of peace given. Then, omitting the first two prayers, he says only the following:*

LET not the partaking of thy Body, O Lord Jesu Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but of thy goodness let it be profitable unto me for the receiving of protection and healing, both of body

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and soul; who livest and reignest with God the Father in unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Then he genuflects and receives the Paten with the Body of Christ; and with the utmost humility and reverence he says:

I WILL receive the Bread of Heaven, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

He strikes his breast thrice saying:

LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Then he signs himself with the Sacred Host, saying:

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

And he reverently consumes the Precious Body. Then, omitting everything that is wont to be said before the consumption of the Precious Blood, he at once reverently consumes the particle of the Host with the wine from the Chalice. And having washed his fingers as usual and taken the Ablutions, he says, bowing in the midst of the Altar, with joined hands:

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our lips we may receive with a pure heart; and that from a temporal gift it may become to us an everlasting remedy.

May thy Body *is not said, nor a Postcommunion, nor* Let this my bounden duty,

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nor is a blessing given; but having made a reverence to the Altar the Priest retires with the Ministers.

Vespers is said without any inflection, after which the Altar is stripped.

GOOD FRIDAY AT VESPERS

On this and the following day, after the Our Father *and* Hail Mary *have been said silently, Vespers begins immediately with the first Antiphon, said without inflection.*

Antiphon. I will receive the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116. 10. *Credidi, propter quod locutus sum.*

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: ✱ I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord ✱ for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, ✱ and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people. ✱ Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; ✱ I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of

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thanksgiving, * and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people, * in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Antiphon. I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the name of the Lord.

Antiphon. My soul hath long dwelt among them : that are enemies unto peace. I labor for peace ; but when I speak unto them thereof : they make them ready to battle.

Psalm 120. *Ad Dominum.*

WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord ; * and he heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, * and from a deceitful tongue.

What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? * even mighty and sharp arrows with hot burning coals.

Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech, * and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!

My soul hath long dwelt among them * that are enemies unto peace.

I labor for peace ; but when I speak unto them thereof, * they make them ready to battle.

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Antiphon. My soul hath long dwelt among them: that are enemies unto peace. I labor for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof: they make them ready to battle.

Antiphon. Deliver me, O Lord, from unrighteous men.

Psalm 140. *Eripe me, Domine.*

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man: * and preserve me from the wicked man;

Who imagine mischief in their hearts; * and stir up strife all the day long.

They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent: * adder's poison is under their lips.

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly; * preserve me from the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords; * yea, and set traps in my way.

I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: * hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.

O Lord God, thou strength of my health, * thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord; * let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

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Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them * that compass me about.

Let hot burning coals fall upon them : * let them be cast into the fire and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth : * evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.

Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor, * and maintain the cause of the helpless.

The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name : * and the just shall continue in thy sight.

Antiphon. Deliver me, O Lord, from unrighteous men.

Antiphon. Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me: and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Psalm 141. *Domine, clamavi.*

LORD, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me ; * and consider my voice, when I cry unto thee.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; * and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth ; * and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined

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to any evil things, * let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

Let the righteous rather smite me friendly : * and reprove me.

But let not their precious balms break my head : * yea, I will pray yet against their wickedness.

Let their judges be overthrown in stony places, * that they may hear my words ; for they are sweet.

Our bones lie scattered before the pit, * like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.

But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God : * in thee is my trust ; O cast not out my soul.

Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me, * and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together, * and let me ever escape them.

Antiphon. Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me : and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Antiphon. I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was no man that would know me.

Psalm 142. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice ; * yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

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I poured out my complaints before him; * and showed him of my trouble.

When my spirit was in heaviness, thou knewest my path, * in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked also upon my right hand, * and saw there was no man that would know me.

I had no place to flee unto; * and no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said, * Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

Consider my complaint; * for I am brought very low.

O deliver me from my persecutors; * for they are too strong for me.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name: * which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

Antiphon. I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.

Antiphon to Magnificat. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

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SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Magnificat. St. Luke 1. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

Antiphon. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished : and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

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What follows is to be said kneeling:

Christ became obedient for us unto death.

Even the death of the cross.

Our Father, *entirely in secret: after which, in a somewhat higher voice, shall be said:*

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: * thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

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Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked; * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord; * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion: * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

The Psalm being ended, there shall be said, without Let us pray, *in a like voice:*

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The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; *but then shall be said in silence:* Who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Vespers is said immediately after the Blessed Sacrament has been solemnly escorted to the Altar of Repose, after which follows the stripping of the Altars. The High Altar is first denuded of hangings and ornaments, and then the side Altars, during which the following Psalm is said with this

Antiphon. They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

Psalm 22. *Deus, Deus meus.*

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? ✱ and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; ✱ and in the night season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy, ✱ O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee: ✱ they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee and were

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holpen : * they put their trust in thee and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man ; * a very scorn of men and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn ; * they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God that he would deliver him : * let him deliver him if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb : * thou wast my hope when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born : * thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me ; for trouble is hard at hand ; * and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me : * fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths, * as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint ; * my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums ; * and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

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For many dogs are come about me : * and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones : * they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them, * and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord: * thou art my succor, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword; * my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth : * thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren : * in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him; * magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; * he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation : * my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; * your heart shall live forever.

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All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : ✱ and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth ✱ have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : ✱ and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him; ✱ they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness ✱ unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

Antiphon. They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

AT COMPLINE

Compline begins straightway from the Confiteor, Miseratur, *and* Indulgentiam, *after which are said the Psalms without an Antiphon.*

The Officiant shall make Confession:

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and

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to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Choir shall answer:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) and you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *shall be said,* to thee, Father, (*or* Mother,) and thee, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say,

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

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O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood.

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say : Who will show us any good ?

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold : my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

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He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will

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hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble ; I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him : and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord ;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Then is said kneeling :

V. Christ became obedient for us unto death.

Even the death of the Cross.

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Our Father (*secretly*).

After which, in a somewhat higher voice, shall be said:

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

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The Collect.

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and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; *but then shall be said in silence*, Who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end.

TENEBRAE

See Matins and Lauds for The Holy Sabbath.

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THE HOLY SABBATH

Commonly called

EASTER-EVEN

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HOLY SATURDAY

The Tenebrae or Matins, with the other Canonical hours for this day, are consecrated to the memory of our Lord in his sepulchre; at Mass he is represented to the faithful as coming out of the grave, and triumphing over death by his resurrection. The word Night, used in the Benediction of the Paschal-Candle, in the Collect of the Mass, in the Preface and Communicantes, shows that the Office and Mass should be said the following night, as used to be the custom, to honor the time of our Saviour's resurrection, which happened during this night. So also the whole service is the climax in the sequence of the Tenebrae offices, as is seen in what follows.

The Altars, deprived of their ornaments on Maundy-Thursday, are again clothed with them, and a new Fire is blest, to illuminate them. The Office begins with lighting a triple candle, which is emblematic of the Light of Christ, and signifies that the faith of the blessed Trinity proceeds from the light communicated to us by Christ risen from the dead. The Paschal-Candle, blest in the next place by the Deacon, is a figure of the Body of Jesus Christ, and, not being lighted at first, represents him dead; and the five blessed Grains of Incense fixed in it denote the aromatic spices that embalmed him in the sepulchre. The lighting of the Paschal-Candle is a representation of his rising again to a new life; and the lighting of the lamps, and other candles afterwards,

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teaches the faithful that the resurrection of the Head will be followed by that of the members.

After this ceremony, the Church disposes the Catechumens for a worthy receiving of baptism; for which purpose she reads twelve Lessons out of the Old Testament called Prophecies, and after each says a solemn Prayer; by both of which she not only instructs them in the effects and fruit of that sacrament, but begs for them, of Almighty God, all the advantages of it. The Church could not have appointed a more suitable time for the solemn administration of our Lord's resurrection. As He was laid in the sepulchre truly dead, and came out again truly alive, so the sinner is buried in the baptismal water as in a mystical grave, and is taken out again animated with a new life of grace. For we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (Rom. 6. 4.).

Before the administration of the sacrament the Baptismal Font is blest with ceremonies that are full of mysteries. 1. The Priest divides the water in the form of a cross, to teach us that it confers grace and sanctity by the merits of Christ crucified. 2. He touches the water with his hand, praying that it may be free from all impressions of evil spirits. 3. He signs it thrice with the sign of the cross, to bless it in the name of the Holy Trinity. 4. He separates it with his hand, and casts out some of it towards the four parts of the world, to instruct us that the grace of Baptism, like the rivers of paradise, flows all over the earth. 5. He

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breathes thrice upon it in the form of a cross, desiring God to bless it with the infusion of his holy Spirit, that it may perceive the virtue of sanctifying the soul. 6. He plunges the Paschal-Candle thrice into it praying that the Holy Ghost may descend upon it, as he did at the baptism of Christ in the waters of Jordan. 7. He mixes holy Oil and Chrism with it, to signify that baptism consecrates us to God, and gives spiritual strength to wrestle with and overcome all the enemies of our soul.

After the benediction of the font, the sacrament of baptism is solemnly administered to such as are prepared for it; and then the Litany and Mass are sung to obtain of God that the new baptized may persevere in the grace they have received. Incense is used at the Gospel, to represent the perfumes carried by the women to our Saviour's monument; but no lights are carried, as at other times, because they and the Apostles did not yet believe in his resurrection; for which reason the Creed is also not said. The Offertory, the kiss of peace, and the Antiphon, called the Communion, are omitted, because the faithful did not receive the blessed Eucharist at this Mass, but waited till Easter-day.

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THE HOLY SABBATH

Commonly called

EASTER-EVEN

AT MATINS

[*Said as part of Tenebrae on Good Friday evening.*]

Nocturn I.

Antiphon. I will lay me down † in peace, ✱ and take my rest.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness : ✱ thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble ; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor ? ✱ and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood.

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : ✱ when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not : ✱ commune

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with your own heart and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, * and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up * the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, * since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace and take my rest: * for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Antiphon. I will lay me down in peace, * and take my rest.

Antiphon. He shall dwell † in thy tabernacle: * he shall rest upon thy holy hill.

Psalm 15. *Domine, quis habitabit?*

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? * or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, * and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbor, * and hath not slandered his neighbor.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes; * and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

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He that sweareth unto his neighbor, and disappointeth hin not, * though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury, * nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things * shall never fall.

Antiphon. He shall dwell in thy tabernacle : * he shall rest upon thy holy hill.

Antiphon. My flesh also † * shall rest in hope.

Psalm 16. *Conserva me, Domine.*

PRESERVE me, O God : * for in thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, * Thou art my God ; my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, * and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god * shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, * neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup : * thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground ; * yea, I have a goodly heritage.

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I will thank the Lord for giving me warning : * my reins also chasten me in the night season.

I have set God alway before me : * for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad and my glory rejoiced : * my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell ; * neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt show me the path of life ; in thy presence is the fulness of joy ; * and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Antiphon. My flesh also * shall rest in hope.

Our Father (*secretly*).

V. I will lay me down in peace.

R. And take my rest.

From the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet.

Lesson I. Chapter 3. 22.

Heth. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

Heth. They are new every morning : great is thy faithfulness.

Heth. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul : therefore will I hope in him.

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Teth. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Teth. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Teth. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Jod. He sitteth alone, and keepeth silent, because he hath borne it upon him.

Jod. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

Jod. He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him : he is filled full with reproach.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! return unto the Lord thy God.

R. He was brought as a sheep to the slaughter, and while he was evil entreated, he opened not his mouth: he was delivered up to death, ℣ that he might give life unto his people. *V.* He poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. That he.

Lesson II. Chapter 4. 1.

Aleph. How is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

Beth. The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they

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esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

Ghimel. Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

Daleth. The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

He. They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dung-hills.

Vau. For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! return unto the Lord thy God.

R. Arise, O Jerusalem, and put off from thee the garments of joy and gladness: gird thee with sack-cloth, and lie in ashes: ℣ For the Saviour of Israel hath been slain in thee. *V.* Let tears run down like a river day and night; let not the apple of thine eye cease. For the Saviour.

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Here beginneth the Prayer of Jeremiah the Prophet.

Lesson III. Chapter 5.

REMEMBER, O Lord, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach. Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens. We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows. We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us. Our necks are under persecution: we labor and have no rest. We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread. Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities. Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hands. We gat our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness. Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine. They ravished the women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! return unto the Lord thy God.

R. Lament like a virgin, O my people: cry and howl, O ye shepherds, in sackcloth and ashes: ℣ For the day

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of the Lord cometh, a mighty day, and one exceeding bitter. *V.* Gird yourselves and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth. For the day. Lament.

Nocturn II.

Antiphon. Be ye lift up, † ye everlasting doors: ✱ and the King of glory shall come in.

Psalm 24. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; ✱ the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, ✱ and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? ✱ or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart; ✱ and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, ✱ and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, ✱ even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates;

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and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? * It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? * Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Antiphon. Be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: * and the King of glory shall come in.

Antiphon. I believe † verily to see the goodness of the Lord * in the land of the living.

Psalm 27. *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, * they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: * and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord

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which I will require : * even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : * yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head * above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness ; * I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : * have mercy upon me and hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face, * Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

O hide not thou thy face from me ; * nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succor; * leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, * the Lord taketh me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, * and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries : * for there are

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false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

I should utterly have fainted, * but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : * be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Antiphon. I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord * in the land of the living.

Antiphon. Thou, Lord, †hast brought my soul * out of hell.

Psalm 30. *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up, * and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, * and thou hast healed me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : * thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, * and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : * heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed; * thou, Lord, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.

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Thou didst turn thy face from me, * and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto thee, O Lord; and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

What profit is there in my blood, * when I go down to the pit?

Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? * or shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: * Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy: * thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: * O my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever.

Antiphon. Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul * out of hell.

V. But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord.

R. Raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.

Our Father (*secretly*).

From the Treatise of Saint Augustine the Bishop, on the Psalms.

Lesson IV. Ps. 64. 6, 7.

(*Accedet homo ad cor altum: et exaltabitur eus.*)

'MAN shall come to a deep mind: and God shall be exalted.' They said, 'No man shall see us. The dili-

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gent searchers out of evil counsels have failed.' A Man came to these very counsels, and suffered himself to be laid hold upon, as Man. For he could not have been held had he not been Man: neither could he have been seen, had he not been Man; nor been scourged, had he not been Man; nor been crucified, nor died, had he not been Man. As Man therefore, he came to all these sufferings, which would have availed naught against him, had he not been Man. But had he not been Man, man could nowise have been redeemed. He came, as Man, 'to a deep mind,' that is, to a secret mind; showing the Manhood to the eyes of men, and keeping the Godhead hidden within: concealing the form of God, wherein he is equal to the Father, and presenting the form of a servant, wherein he is inferior to the Father.

R. Our Shepherd hath withdrawn himself, the Fountain of living water at whose departure the sun was darkened: ℣ For he also is led captive, who had taken captive our first parent: to-day hath our Saviour broken the gates of death, and burst the bars thereof asunder. *V.* He hath destroyed the bonds of hell, and hath overthrown him that had the power of death. For he also.

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Lesson V.

HOW far did they carry those diligent searchings, wherein they failed so much, that even after the Lord was dead and buried, they set a watch over the sepulchre? For they said to Pilate, 'That deceiver' (by the which name the Lord Jesus Christ was called, to the comfort of his servants when they are called deceivers), 'that deceiver,' say they to Pilate, 'said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.'

R. Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see, ✱ If there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. *V.* Behold, and consider my reproach, O all ye people. If there be.

Lesson VI.

THEY set a watch of soldiers over the sepulchre. The earth shook: the Lord rose again. Such wonders were wrought about the sepulchre

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that the very soldiers who kept watch might be witnesses thereto, would they declare the truth. But the same covetousness that led captive a disciple and fellow of Christ enslaved also the guard set to watch his tomb. 'We will give you money,' said the chief priests, 'and say ye, that his disciples came and stole him away while ye slept.' Verily 'the diligent searchers out have failed.' What is this thou sayest, O sterile cunning? Dost thou so far forsake the light of prudence and justice, and plunge thyself so deep in guile, as to speak thus: 'Say ye that his disciples came and stole him away while ye slept?' Thou callest upon sleeping witnesses: surely thou hast fallen asleep thyself, seeing thou hast 'failed in searching out' so notable a matter.

R. Behold how the righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and godly men are taken away, and no man considereth: the righteous is taken away from that which is evil, ℣ And he shall enter into peace. *V.* As a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth: he was taken from prison and from judgment. And he. Behold.

Nocturn III.

Antiphon. Behold, † God is my helper: ℣ the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

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Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God; * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper: * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord: * because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble: * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Antiphon. Behold, God is my helper: * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

Antiphon. At Salem † is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling in Sion.

Psalm 76. *Notus in Judaea.*

IN Jewry is God known: * his Name is great in Israel.

At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling in Sion.

There brake he the arrows of the bow, * the shield, the sword, and the battle.

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Thou art of more honor and might * than the hills of the robbers.

The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep: * and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both the chariot and horse are fallen.

Thou, even thou art to be feared: * and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

Thou didst cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven; * the earth trembled and was still,

When God arose to judgment, * and to help all the meek upon earth.

The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise: * and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about him; * bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

He shall refrain the spirit of princes: * and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

Antiphon. At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling in Sion.

Antiphon. I have been † even as a man that hath no strength; * free among the dead.

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Psalm 88. *Domine, Deus.*

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: * O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling;

For my soul is full of trouble; * and my life draweth nigh unto hell.

I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit: * and I have been even as a man that hath no strength.

Free among the dead, like unto them that are wounded, and lie in the grave, * who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.

Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, * in a place of darkness and in the deep.

Thine indignation lieth hard upon me, * and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.

Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; * and made me to be abhorred of them.

I am so fast in prison, * that I cannot get forth.

My sight faileth for very trouble: * Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.

Dost thou show wonders among the dead? * or shall the dead rise up again and praise thee?

Shall thy loving-kindness be showed in the grave? * or thy faithfulness in destruction?

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Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark? * and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?

Unto thee have I cried, O Lord; * and early shall my prayer come before thee.

Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul? * and hidest thou thy face from me?

I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die: * even from my youth up, thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me; * and the fear of thee hath undone me.

They came round about me daily like water; * and compassed me together on every side.

My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me, * and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

Antiphon. I have been even as a man that hath no strength; * free among the dead.

V. At Salem is his tabernacle.

R. And his dwelling in Sion.

Our Father (*secretly*).

From the Epistle of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews.

Lesson VII. Chapter 9. 11.

CHRIST being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made

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with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

R. The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together, * Against the Lord, and against his Christ. *V.* Why do the heathen so furiously rage together, and why do the people imagine a vain thing? Against.

Lesson VIII.

AND for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither

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the first testament was dedicated without blood.

R. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: * I have been even as a man that hath no strength; free among the dead. *V.* Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in a place of darkness, and in the deep. I have been.

Lesson IX.

FOR when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

R. When Jesus was buried, the sepulchre was sealed: and rolling a great stone unto the door of the sepulchre, * They set a band of soldiers to keep watch over him. *V.* The chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, and besought of him a watch. They set. When Jesus.

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AT LAUDS

[*Said as part of Tenebrae on Good Friday evening.*]

Antiphon. O death, † I will be thy plagues; * O grave, I will be thy destruction.

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: * thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

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Make me a clean heart, O God; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked; * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord; * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favorable and gracious unto Sion: * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Antiphon. O death, I will be thy plagues; * O grave, I will be thy destruction.

Antiphon. They shall mourn for

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him,† as one mourneth for his only son : * because the innocent Lord is slain.

Psalm 92. *Bonum est confiteri.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, * and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest;

To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, * and of thy truth in the night season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; * upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works : * and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

O Lord, how glorious are thy works! * thy thoughts are very deep.

An unwise man doth not well consider this; * and a fool doth not understand it.

When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish; * then shall they be destroyed forever; but thou, Lord, art the most Highest for evermore.

For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, lo, thine enemies shall perish; * and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

But my horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn : * for I am anointed with fresh oil.

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Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies, * and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree : * and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

Such as are planted in the house of the Lord * shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age ; * and shall be fat and well-liking ;

That they may show how true the Lord my strength is : * and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

Antiphon. They shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only Son : * because the innocent Lord is slain.

Antiphon. O all ye people,† hearken unto me ; * behold and see my sorrow.

Psalm 64. *Exaudi, Deus.*

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer : * preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

Hide me from the gathering together of the froward ; * and from the insurrection of wicked doers ;

Who have whet their tongue like a sword, * and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words ;

That they may privily shoot at him

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that is perfect : * suddenly do they hit him and fear not.

They encourage themselves in mischief : * and commune among themselves how they may lay snares ; * and say that no man shall see them.

They imagine wickedness, and practise it : * that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.

But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow ; * that they shall be wounded.

Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall : * insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.

And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done ; * for they shall perceive that it is his work.

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him ; * and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

Antiphon. O all ye people, hearken unto me ; * behold and see my sorrow.

Antiphon. From the gates of the grave, † * O Lord, deliver my soul.

Canticle. Isaiah 38. 10–20.

I SAID in the cutting off of my days, † I shall go to the gates of the grave : * I am deprived of the residue of my years.

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I said, I shall not see the Lord, † even the Lord, in the land of the living : ✻ I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

Mine age is departed, ✻ and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent :

I have cut off like a weaver my life : ✠ he will cut me off with pining sickness : ✻ from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones : ✻ from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter : ✻ I did mourn as a dove.

Mine eyes fail with looking upward : ✻ O Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me. What shall I say?

He hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it : ✻ I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, by these things men live, † and in all these things is the life of my spirit : ✻ so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness : ✻ but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption : for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For the grave cannot praise thee, † death cannot celebrate thee : ✻ they

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that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day : * the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

The Lord was ready to save me : * therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

Antiphon. From the gates of the grave, * O Lord, deliver my soul.

Antiphon. Is it nothing to you, † all ye that pass by? * behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Psalm 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE God in his holiness : * praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts : * praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : * praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances : * praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : * praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath * praise the Lord.

Antiphon. Is it nothing to you, all ye

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that pass by? * behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

V. My flesh shall rest in hope.

R. Neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Antiphon upon Benedictus. The women also, † sitting over against the sepulchre, * made lamentation, weeping for the Lord.

All the candles upon the triangular stand having now been put out, except the one placed at the top, the six candles placed from the beginning upon the Altar shall also be extinguished one by one during the singing of the Canticle Benedictus; *so that at the last verse, the last candle shall be put out. The lamps and other lights throughout the church shall likewise be extinguished.*

Canticle. St. Luke 1. 68-79.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; * for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us * in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, * which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies; * and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to

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our forefathers, ℣ and to remember his holy covenant:

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, ℣ that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies ℣ might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, ℣ all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest: ℣ for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people ℣ for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; ℣ whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, †and in the shadow of death, ℣ and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Antiphon. The women also, sitting over against the sepulchre, ℣ made lamentation, weeping for the Lord.

During the repetition of the Antiphon, the topmost candle shall be taken from the Candelabrum, and hidden from sight under the Epistle corner of the Altar.

The Antiphon having been repeated after Benedictus, then shall be said, all kneeling:

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V. Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the cross; wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name which is above every name.

Our Father, *entirely in secret: after which, in a somewhat higher voice, shall be said:*

Psalm 51. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

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Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness; * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean: * thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and

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gladness ; * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God ; * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence ; * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again ; * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked ; * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord ; * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : * but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

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LAUDS

The Psalm being ended, there shall be said, without Let us pray, *in a like voice:*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; (*but then shall be said in silence*), Who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Collect ended, some noise and clatter is made; the lighted candle is at once brought forth from beneath the Altar; and all rise and depart in silence.

PRIME

The Deus in adjutorium *is not said at the beginning of the Offices on these days; but after the* Pater, Ave, (*and where proper the* Credo) *have been said in silence, the Offices begin straight from the first Antiphon.*

The Gloria Patri *is everywhere omitted:* e. g. *after the Psalms and in the Responsories.*

Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.

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Hear my prayer, O God; * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper : * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord : * because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Psalm 119, i. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, * and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, * and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness * walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged * that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded, * while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned

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heart, * when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies : * O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? * even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: * O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart, * that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord : * O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, * as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments, * and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes, * and I will not forget thy word.

Psalm 119, ii. *Retribue servo tuo.*

O DO well unto thy servant, * that I may live and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, * that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth : * O hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire * that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

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Thou hast rebuked the proud, * and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke; * for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: * but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

For thy testimonies are my delight * and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth to the dust: * O quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: * O teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: * and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness: * comfort thou me according unto thy word.

Take from me the way of lying: * and cause thou me to make much of truth.

I have chosen the way of truth: * and thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: * O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of thy commandments: * when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

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TERCE

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Psalm 119, iii. *Legem Pone.*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law, yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they

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behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord : even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for my trust is in thy word.

O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth : for my hope is in thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep thy law : yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty : for I seek thy commandments.

I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings : and I will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in thy commandments : which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved : and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Psalm 119, iv. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word : wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

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The same is my comfort in my trouble : for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrinked from thy law.

For I have remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord : and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night season : and have kept thy law.

This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep thy law.

I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste and prolonged not the time : to keep thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee : because of thy righteous judgments.

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I am a companion of all them that fear thee : and keep thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy : O teach me thy statutes.

Psalm 119, v. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments

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are right : and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to thy word unto thy servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me: but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

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SEXT

Our Father *and* Hail Mary *are said inaudibly: then straightway the following Psalms:*

Psalm 119, vi. *Defecit anima mea.*

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for thy word: saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I forsook not thy commandments.

O quicken me after thy loving-kindness: and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

O Lord, thy word: endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to

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thine ordinance : for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, O save me; for I have sought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me, to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Psalm 119, vii. *Quomodo dilexi!*

LORD, what love have I unto thy law : all the day long is my study in it.

Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers : for thy testimonies are my study.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep thy word.

I have not shrunk from thy judgments : for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!

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Through thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord : and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

Psalm 119, viii. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I HATE them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.

O stablish me according to thy word,

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that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgments.

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.

O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand: for they have destroyed thy law.

For I love thy commandments : above gold and precious stones.

Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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Psalm 119, ix. *Mirabilia.*

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

When thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath: for my delight was in thy commandments.

O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

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Order my steps in thy word : and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep thy commandments.

Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant : and teach me thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water : because men keep not thy law.

Righteous art thou, O Lord : and true is thy judgment.

The testimonies that thou hast commanded : are exceeding righteous and true.

My zeal hath even consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is tried to the uttermost: and thy servant loveth it.

I am small and of no reputation : yet do I not forget thy commandments.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness : and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : yet is my delight in thy commandments.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting : O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

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THE HOLY SABBATH

Psalm 119, x. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I CALL with my whole heart : hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

Yea, even unto thee do I call : help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee : for in thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches : that I might be occupied in thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness : quicken me, according as thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and are far from thy law.

Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all thy commandments are true.

As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since : that thou hast grounded them forever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget thy law.

Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me according to thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not thy statutes.

Great is thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the trans-

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gressors : because they keep not thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments : O quicken me according to thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting: all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

Psalm 119, xi. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee : because of thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health : and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before thee.

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord : give me understanding according to thy word.

My lips shall speak of thy praise : when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

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Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : for all thy commandments are righteous.

Let thine hand help me : for I have chosen thy commandments.

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord : and in thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee : and thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

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Let us pray *is not said.*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

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THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

At a convenient hour the Altars are dressed; but the candles are not lighted till the beginning of the Mass. Then, without the church, fire is struck from a flint, and coals are lighted with it; after None the Priest, vested in amice, alb, girdle, stole, and violet cope (attended by the Ministers with the cross, holy-water, and incense, before the church gate, if it can be conveniently done, otherwise in the very entrance of the church), blesses the new fire, saying:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by thy Son, the corner-stone, hast bestowed on the faithful the fire of thy brightness; sanc✠tify this new fire struck from a flint for our use; and grant that during this Paschal solemnity we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may come to the solemnity of eternal splendor; through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

O LORD God, Almighty Father, never-failing Light! who art the author of all light; bless this light, which is blessed and sanctified by thee,

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who hast enlightened the whole world: that we may be enlightened by that light, and inflamed with the fire of thy brightness; and, as thou didst give light to Moses, when he went out of Egypt, so illuminate our hearts and senses, that we may obtain light and life everlasting; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully, we beseech thee, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, as we bless this fire in thy name, and in that of thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and God, and of the Holy Ghost; give us help against the fiery darts of the enemy, and illuminate us with thy heavenly grace: who livest and reignest with the same only Son and Holy Ghost, one God forever and ever. *R.* Amen.

Then he blesses the five grains of incense that are to be fixed in the Paschal-Candle, saying the following prayer:

POUR forth, we beseech thee, Almighty God, a great abundance of thy bles✠sing on this incense, and kindle, O invisible regenerator! the brightness of this night; that not only the sacrifice, which is offered this night may shine by the secret mixture of thy light; but also, that into whatever place aught hallowed in the performance of this rite may be borne,

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there the effectual power of thy mighty presence may avail for the bringing to naught of every artifice of the devil in his guile. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

While he blesses the grains of incense, an Acolyte puts some of the blest fire into the censer, and the Priest, after the Prayer, puts incense into it, blessing it as usual, saying:

MAY thou be blessed by him, in whose honor thou shalt be burnt. Amen.

Then he sprinkles the grains of incense and the fire thrice with holy-water, saying:

THOU shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

After which he censes them thrice. Then the Deacon, vested in a white Dalmatic, takes the rod with the three candles fixed on the top. The Thurifer goes first with an acolyte carrying in a vessel the five grains of incense; the Subdeacon with the cross follows, and the clergy in order; then the Deacon with the three candles, and last of all, the priest. When the Deacon is come into the church, he lowers the triple candlestick, and an acolyte, who carries a candle from the new fire, lights one of the three candles on the top of the rod; and the Deacon, holding up the rod, kneels, as do all the rest except the Subdeacon, and sings aloud:

The light of Christ shineth.
R. Thanks be to God.

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And proceeding to the middle of the church, the second candle is lighted, a second time a genuflection is made and the Deacon intones again, but in a higher tone, the words:

Behold the light of Christ.
R. Thanks be to God.

Then, passing on to the Altar, the third candle is lighted and similarly greeted with similar ceremonial, the salutation being sung in a still higher tone; and the Deacon having given the triple candlestick to an acolyte receives the book, and with it goes to the Priest and asks his blessing as at the Gospel at Mass:

Pray, Father, bless me.

Then the Priest says:

THE Lord be in thy heart and on thy lips: that thou mayest rightly and worthily proclaim his paschal praise: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
R. Amen.

After this, the Deacon goes to the desk on the Gospel side, where he censes the book and, all standing as at the Gospel, he blesses the Paschal-Candle, saying:

NOW let the Angelic host of heaven be joyful; let the divine Mysteries be celebrated with exultation; and for the victory of so great a King, let them sound the trumpet of salvation. Let earth itself rejoice, enlightened with such glorious radiance; and shining with the splendor of the King eternal, let the whole world perceive that

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darkness, gloom, and sorrow have been driven hence. Let, also, our Mother, the Church, exult, adorned with the glory of so great a light: and let this holy house resound again with the mighty voices of the people. Wherefore, I pray you, dearly beloved brethren, ye that stand by within the wondrous brightness of this holy light, to join with me in calling upon the mercy of Almighty God: that he, who, not for my deservings, hath been pleased to gather me into the number of his Levites, would pour forth upon me the light of his Holy Spirit, and so fit me to express the worthy signification of this waxen taper. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, his Son: who with him and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that with the whole affection of heart and mind, and with the service of the voice, we should laud the invisible God Almighty, the Father, and his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ

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our Lord; who for us paid the debt of Adam to the Everlasting Father, and blotted out the hand-writing of the olden trespass with his precious Blood. For this is the feast of the Passover, whereon he, the true Lamb is slain, and by his Blood are all our door-posts hallowed. For this is the night whereon at first thou madest our fathers, the children of Israel, when led forth out of Egypt, to pass over the Red Sea dryshod. This, therefore, is the night which dispelled the darkness of sin by the fiery pillar. This is the night which at this present time, restoreth grace and knitteth together in holiness those who believe in Christ, and who are gathered together apart from the lusts of this world and from the black darkness of sin. This is the night whereon, when he had broken the bonds of death, Christ came up a Conqueror from the lower parts. For naught indeed would it have profited us to have been born, unless we had been redeemed. O wondrous condescension of thy loving-kindness towards us! O tenderness of love without all price, that to redeem the bondman thou didst deliver up thy Son! O surely needs must have been that sin of Adam which the death of Christ blotted out! O happy failing, to remedy which there was granted so good and so mighty a Redeemer! O verily blissful night, which alone was

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counted worthy to know the time and the hour at which Christ arose from the lower parts. For this is the night concerning which it is written: And the night shall be clear as the day; and, The night is turned to day in my joy and gladness. Therefore the sacredness of this night putteth sins to flight, washeth away guilt, and giveth back innocence to the fallen and joy to the sorrowful. It putteth enmities to flight, restoreth peace, and boweth down dominions.

Here the Deacon fixes the five grains of incense in the candle, in the form of a cross.

Therefore in thanksgiving for this night do thou receive, O Holy Father, this evening oblation of incense, which by the hands of her Ministers the Holy Church maketh unto thee in the offering of this waxen candle. We know full well the signification of this pillar which, in honor of thee our God, the sparkling fire now kindleth.

Here the Deacon lights the candle with one of the three candles on the rod.

Although it in turn kindle many lights, yet it knoweth no less by the communication of its light, for it is fed by the melting wax, which was provided by the mother-bee for the making of this most precious light.

Here the lamps are lighted.

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O BLISSFUL night, which spoiled the Egyptians, and enriched the Hebrews! Night wherein things of heaven are joined to those of earth. And now we pray thee, O Lord, that our faith, of which this waxen candle consecrated in honor of thy Name is a figure, may never fail to put far from us the darkness of the night of this world. Let it find acceptance before thee as a sweet-smelling savor, and be mingled with the burning lights on high. Let the Bright and Morning Star find it burning when he appeareth. That Morning Star, I say, which shall never know his going down; even he, who coming back again from the lower parts, hath shed abroad his calm light in all mankind. We therefore beseech thee, O Lord, that it may please thee to preserve us thy servants, all the Clergy, and thy faithful people, together with our Bishop *N.* that we, being guided, governed, and preserved under thy continual protection, may have peaceful times in these our Paschal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

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The Deacon, thereupon, changes his white vestments and puts on those of violet, and joins the Celebrant at the Altar; who, laying aside his cope, puts on a violet chasuble. Then the Prophecies are read aloud (but without titles) by Lectors in the Choir: the Celebrant reading them in a low voice at the Epistle corner of the Altar.

Meanwhile Priests catechize any Catechumens about to be baptized, and prepare them for Baptism.

THE FIRST PROPHECY

Genesis 1 *and* 2.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it

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was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. And God said, Let the waters bring forth

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abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and

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replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord

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God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Bihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying,

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Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all the cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

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After which the Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.

Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, who didst wonderfully create man, and yet more wonderfully redeem him; grant us, we beseech thee, with such strength of mind constantly to withstand the allurements of sin, that we may be made worthy to attain to the joys of eternal life: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

THE SECOND PROPHECY

Genesis 5, 6, 7, *and* 8.

AND Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also

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after that when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy men whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and with-

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out with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

And the Lord said unto Noah, Come

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thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. For yet seven days and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth. There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. In the selfsame day

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entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was

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destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth; and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days. And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the

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ground; But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more. And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply

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upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.
Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, power unchangeable and light eternal, look with favor on this wondrous symbol of thy whole Church, and in peace and quiet do thou effect the work of man's salvation in the constant power of thy divine providence, that the whole world may

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both perceive and behold that lifted up which had been cast down, the life of that renewer which had grown old, and all things returning to wholeness, through Him, from whom they took their beginning, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth, &c.

THE THIRD PROPHECY

Genesis 22.

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt

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offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day. In the mount

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of the Lord it shall be seen. And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time. And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.

Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, Most High, Father of all Believers, who dost multiply throughout the whole world the children of thy promise by adoption and grace, and through the paschal sacrament dost make thy servant Abraham, as thou didst swear to him, the father of all nations: grant to thy people worthily to enter into the enjoyment of that freely theirs whereunto thou hast called them. Through Christ.

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THE FOURTH PROPHECY

Exodus 14. 24.

AND it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians. And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his

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servant Moses. Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying,

The Tract. *Exodus* 15. 1–3.

I WILL sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation:

V. He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

V. The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.

Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, the glory of whose miracles wrought in days of old we perceive shining even in these days, inasmuch as that which thou didst effect for the one people in delivering them from the persecution of the Egyptians, by the might of thy right hand, thou dost now work for the salvation of all nations through the water of regeneration; grant that mankind throughout the world may come to be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the privilege of the children of Israel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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THE FIFTH PROPHECY

Isaiah 54 *and* 55.

THIS is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy

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upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.
Subdeacon. Arise.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, multiply for the honor of thy Name, that which thou didst promise to the faith of our forefathers, and increase the number of the children of promise by adoption and grace; that thy Church may now recognize in fulfilment that which the holy men of old did not refuse to proclaim in prophecy. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth.

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THE HOLY SABBATH

THE SIXTH PROPHECY

Baruch 3.

HEAR, Israel, the commandments of life: give ear to understand wisdom. How happeneth it, Israel, that thou art in thine enemies' land, that thou art waxen old in a strange country, that thou art defiled with the dead, That thou art counted with them that go down into the grave? Thou hast forsaken the fountain of wisdom. For if thou hadst walked in the way of God, thou shouldest have dwelled in peace for ever. Learn where is wisdom, where is strength, where is understanding; that thou mayest know also where is length of days, and life, where is the light of the eyes, and peace. Who hath found out her place? or who hath come into her treasures? Where are the princes of the heathen become, and such as ruled the beasts upon the earth; They that had their pastime with the fowls of the air, and they that hoarded up silver and gold, wherein men trust, and made no end of their getting? For they that wrought in silver, and were so careful, and whose works are unsearchable, they are vanished and gone down to the grave, and others are come up in their steads. Young men have seen the light, and dwelt upon the earth: but the way of knowledge have they not known, nor under-

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stood the paths thereof, nor laid hold of it: their children were far off from that way. It hath not been heard of in Chanaan, neither hath it been seen in Theman. The Agarenes that seek wisdom upon earth, the merchants of Meran and of Theman, the authors of fables, and searchers out of understanding; none of these have known the way of wisdom, or remember her paths. O Israel, how great is the house of God! and how large is the place of his possession! Great, and hath none end; high, and unmeasurable. There were the giants famous from the beginning, that were of so great stature, and so expert in war. Those did not the Lord choose, neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them: but they were destroyed, because they had no wisdom, and perished through their own foolishness. Who hath gone up into heaven, and taken her, and brought her down from the clouds? Who hath gone over the sea, and found her, and will bring her for pure gold? No man knoweth her way, nor thinketh of her path. But he that knoweth all things knoweth her, and hath found her out with his understanding: he that prepared the earth for evermore hath filled it with fourfooted beasts: He that sendeth forth light, and it goeth, calleth it again, and it obeyeth him with fear.

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The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.

Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, who dost constantly enlarge thy Church by thy calling of the Gentiles: graciously grant that those whom thou dost cleanse by the water of baptism, thou wilt continually cherish under thy constant protection. Through Christ.

THE SEVENTH PROPHECY

Ezekiel 37.

THE hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones. And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? and I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know

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that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves. And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.

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The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.
Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, who dost teach us to celebrate the paschal sacrament in the pages of both testaments of Holy Writ: grant us such knowledge of thy mercy, that receiving these present gifts of grace, we may rest in the sure hope of future blessings. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth, &c.

THE EIGHTH PROPHECY

Isaiah 4.

AND in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have

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purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

The Tract. Isaiah 5.

MY wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

V. And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it.

V. And he made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.

Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, who hast declared by the mouth of thy holy prophets that in every place of thy dominion thou art the sower of good seed and the

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Husbandman tending the choice branches of thy vine: grant to thy people, who are as it were the vines and fields of grain, that they may root out all thorns and briers, and bring forth abundant fruit worthy of thee. Through our Lord.

THE NINTH PROPHECY

Exodus 12.

AND the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

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And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.
Subdeacon. Arise.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, who art wonderful in the ordering of all thy works: grant thy redeemed to know that it was not more wondrous that in the beginning the world should be made than that in the fulness of time Christ our Passover be sacrificed for us: who livest and reignest, &c.

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THE TENTH PROPHECY

Jonah 3.

AND the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent,

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and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.
Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, who hast united in one confession of thy name the several nations of the world: grant to us both the grace to will and the power to perform that which thou dost command, that thy people, called to share in life eternal, may with one mind hold a common faith, and unite in good works with a common devotion. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, &c.

THE ELEVENTH PROPHECY

Deuteronomy 31.

MOSES therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

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And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the Lord; and how much more after my death? Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and all heaven and earth to record against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

The Tract. Deuteronomy 32.

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

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V. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew.

V. As the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

V. Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment:

V. A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

Deacon. Let us bend the knee.

Subdeacon. Arise.

O GOD, the lofty height of the lowly, and the courage of the righteous, who wast pleased by the song of thy blessed servant Moses thus to teach thy people that what was then a rehearsing of the Law might serve us as a means of guidance: stir up in the whole number of peoples, who are righteous in thy sight, the full might of thy power, and grant them joy by lightening their fears: that the sins of all being done away by thy forgiveness of them, that which was proclaimed for vengeance may avail for their salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, &c.

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THE TWELFTH PROPHECY

Daniel 3.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of

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a burning fiery furnace. Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee : they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods,

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nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and

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their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

The Priest says:

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the one and only hope of the world, who didst declare the mysteries of this present time by the word of thy prophets; graciously increase the desires of thy people, since without thy inspiration no growth in any grace or virtue is possible for any of thy faithful; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee.

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THE BLESSING OF THE FONT

If the Church has a baptismal font, the Priest, who is to bless the font, vested in a violet cope, and preceded by the Cross and lighted candles (the Paschal Candle has been lighted) descends to the font with the clergy and assistants properly vested, during which time is sung the following:

The Tract.

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

V. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

V. My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Then the Priest before he enters to bless the font says this Collect standing near it:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, look favorably on the devotion of thy folk as they are being born again, who long for the fount of thy waters: and favorably grant that the thirst of this very faith may hallow, by the mystery of baptism, both soul and body.

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Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth.
R. Amen.

Then he proceeds to the blessing of the font, saying:

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, be present at these mysteries of thy great loving-kindness, and send forth the Spirit of adoption, that new peoples whom the font of baptism has begotten unto thee, may be renewed again thereby: that the effectual working of thy power may fulfil what is done by the weakness of our ministry. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up unto the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
R. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks

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unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, who in wonderful order dost accomplish by power invisible the operation of thy sacraments, and however unworthy we may be of performing mysteries so holy, nevertheless thou dost not leave the gifts of thy grace barren of thy presence, and in thy loving-kindness dost incline thyears even toour prayers. O God, whose spirit moved upon the face of the water while the world was being formed: that thereby Water might receive the character of a means of sanctification; O God, who having washed away the vileness of a sinful world by water, didst mark a type of regeneration by the waters of the flood: that in the mystery of the self-same element of water there should be both an end to evil tendencies, and a beginning of virtues; Look, O Lord, upon the face of thy church, and multiply in her thy acts of regenerating power, who dost make thy city glad with the incoming power of thy grace, and dost open the way for renewing of life to all nations throughout the whole world by means of the font of baptism: that it, at the behest of thy divine majesty, may receive the grace of thy only-begotten Son by the Holy Spirit.

Here the Priest stretches out his hand and divides the water in the form of a cross, and

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immediately wiping his fingers with a cloth continues:

Who hast made this water, prepared for the regeneration of men, fruitful by the secret indwelling of thy divine power: that, after this holy conception, a heavenly offspring might be born, of the spotless womb of the divine font, regenerate, as a new creature: and that divine grace may be the common mother of all, male and female, old and young, born thus into newness of life. Therefore, at thy command, O Lord, let every unclean spirit depart, and each evil deceit of the devil keep far distant; that there be in this place no least trace of the hostile powers, let it not lay in envy in the air, nor lying hidden leap up from beneath, nor bring about corruption by remaining therein.

He touches the water with his hand.

May it be a holy, and innocuous creature, free from every attack of the opposer, and by the departure of every evil thing be made clean. Let it be a living Fountain, regenerating Water, a purifying Flood: that all who are to be washed in the laver of salvation may, by the operation in them of the Holy Spirit, attain the pardon of a complete cleansing of all sin.

He signs three crosses over the font, saying:

Wherefore I bless thee, O creature of Water, through the Living ✠ God,

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through the true✠God, through the Holy✠God, who in the beginning, divided thee by his word from the dry land: whose Spirit moved upon thee.

Here he divides the water with his hand, and sprinkles it toward the four points of the compass, saying:

Who didst cause thee to flow from the font of paradise, and in four rivers didst command thee to water the whole earth; Who didst make thee from being bitter in the desert, to become sweet and fit to drink, and who brought thee forth out of the rock to assuage the people's thirst. I ble✠ss thee also through Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who at Cana in Galilee in a wondrous miracle turned thee by his power into wine, who walked upon thee with his feet, and was baptized in thee by John in Jordan, who brought thee forth from his side, together with blood: and commanded his disciples that those who believed should be baptized in thee, saying: Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He continues in the ordinary tone of the lessons:

Assist us, O Almighty and most merciful God, as we follow out thy injunctions: do thou graciously breathe on us thy Spirit.

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He breathes three times in the water in the form of a cross, saying:

Do thou breathe with thy lips upon these pure waters: that besides their natural cleansing power which they have for the washing of the body, they may be made also fit to be used for the cleansing of souls.

Here the Priest dips the base of the candle into the water, and continues (in the tone of the Preface):

May there descend into all which this font contains the power of the Holy Spirit.

Then he takes the candle from the water and dips it in more deeply, singing on a higher note:

May there descend into all which this font contains the power of the Holy Spirit.

After again taking the candle out of the water he plunges it in to the bottom the third time, singing on a still higher note: May there descend. *And then breathing three times on the water in the form of the figure ☩ he continues:*

And make the whole substance of this Water fruitful with regenerating force.

Here he lifts the candle from the water, and continues:

May here be wiped out the stains of all sins: may here that nature created in thine image, and formed again the hour of its beginning, be cleansed from every taint of its former character: that

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each one who approaches this sacrament of regeneration, may be born again into a new childhood of true innocency of life.

And he completes it in an ordinary speaking tone:

Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who is to come to judge both the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. *R.* Amen.

Then the priests assisting sprinkle some of this blessed water upon the people. Meanwhile one of the assistants of the church receives some of it in a proper vessel for use at home and in other places. When these things have been done, the Priest who blesses the font, pours into the water some of the oil of the catechumens, saying audibly:

May this font be hallowed and fructified by the oil of salvation, for those to be born again of it into life eternal. *R.* Amen.

Then he pours in chrism, in the method indicated above, saying:

May this infusion of chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost the Paraclete, be made in the name of the Holy Trinity. *R.* Amen.

After which he takes both vials of the said holy oil and chrism, and pouring them both in at the same time in the form of a cross, says:

May this commixture of the chrism of sanctification, and of the oil of anointing, and of the water of baptism,

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be likewise made in the Name of the Fa✠ther, and of the S✠on, and of the Holy✠Ghost. *R.* Amen.

Then he mingles this oil with the water and mixes the water in the whole font. He proceeds to the baptism in the usual way, if there are candidates. Then on the return of the Priest and assistants to the altar, the Litany is sung by two cantors, and the choir answers, as below:

THE LITANY

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us,
O Christ, graciously hear us.

O God, the Father of heaven,
O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, One God,
Have mercy upon us.

Holy Mary,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy Angels and archangels,
All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,
St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
Pray for us.

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St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. John,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Silvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Augustine of Hippo,
St. Augustine of Canterbury,
All ye holy Doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Benedict,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
St. Mary Magdalene,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecilia,
St. Agatha,
St. Anastasia,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
Pray for us.

All ye Saints of God,
Make intercession for us.
Be favorable, spare us, O Lord.
Be favorable, graciously hear us, O Lord.

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From all evil,
From all sin,
From eternal death,
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation,
By thine Advent,
By thy Nativity,
By thy Baptism, and thy holy Fasting,
By thy Cross and Passion,
By thy Death and Burial,
By thy holy Resurrection,
By thy wondrous Ascension,
By the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,
In the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech thee to hear us.

That thou wouldst spare us,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve in thy holy Religion all Bishops, Clergy, and the Religious Orders in thy Church,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy Church,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and true concord to all Christian Rulers,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to

We beseech thee to hear us.

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preserve and keep us in thy holy fear and love,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to reward our benefactors with eternal goods,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant to all the faithful departed rest eternal,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,
We beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

Here the Cantors begin solemnly to sing the Kyrie, *while the Priest and Sacred Ministers, in white vestments, approach the Altar and begin Mass in the accustomed way. After kissing the Altar the Celebrant censes the Altar, and after the* Kyrie *is finished the* Gloria *is sung solemnly.*

The Collect.

O GOD, who dost make this most holy night glorious with the brightness of our Lord's Resurrection, preserve in this new offspring of thy family that Spirit of adoption which

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thou hast given; that with pure hearts and minds they may offer thee a worthy worship, through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of Colossians, beginning at the first verse.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

After which the Celebrant begins alleluia, *and it is sung three times, at each successive repetition in a higher tone, the choir repeating it in the same several tones. After which the choir continues:*

V. Ps. 118. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious; because his mercy endureth forever.

Then is said the Tract, Ps. 117.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.

V. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

Praise the Lord.

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Lights are not used at the Gospel, but only incense. The blessing is asked in the usual way.

The Holy ✠ Gospel is written in the twenty-eighth chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

IN the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

The Creed is not said, but at the end of the Gospel the Priest says, The Lord be with you, *after which* Let us pray. *The offertory is not said. The* Gloria *is not said after the Lavabo.*

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The Secret.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, receive the prayers of thy people together with this offering of the Holy Sacrifice: that what here is begun in the Paschal Mysteries may avail by the operation of thy grace for our eternal weal. Through Jesus Christ.

The Proper Preface.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you *is said, but the kiss of peace is not given, nor are either the* Agnus Dei *or Postcommunion Collect said. After the Blessed Sacrament has been consumed, in place of Vespers is said:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, *and:*

Ps. 117. O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

The Chapter, hymn and versicles are not said, but the Celebrant begins immediately the following Antiphon to Magnificat, *and the choir continue from the asterisk:*

IN the end of the sabbath * as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. Alleluia.

Then is sung the Magnificat *together with the* Gloria *at the end, and the censing of the Altar is made at the accustomed time. After the repetition of the antiphon the Celebrant says:*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

POUR into us, O Lord, the Spirit of thy love; and as thou dost replenish us with Paschal Sacraments, so of thy loving-kindness make us to be of one heart and mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth.

After The Lord be with you, *the Deacon turning toward the people sings:* Go, the Mass is over, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia alleluia.

The Priest, after saying the final prayers, gives the blessing in the usual way.

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COMPLINE

The Reader shall begin:

V. Bid, Sir, a blessing.

Blessing. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

R. Amen.

Short Lesson. 1 *St. Peter* 5. 8.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: who resist steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God. *V.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *R.* Who hath made heaven and earth. Our Father (*entirely in secret*).

Then the Officiant shall make Confession:

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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The Choir shall answer:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where it is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) and you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters), *shall be said,* to thee, Father, (*or* Mother,) and thee, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

After the Absolution shall be said:

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour.

R. And let thine anger cease from us.

V. O God, make speed to save me.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father. As it was in the beginning. Alleluia.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: ✱ thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor? ✱ and have

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such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : * when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not : * commune with your own heart and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, * and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, * Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up * the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, * since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : * for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 31. *In te, Domine, speravi.*

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : * let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock and

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house of defence, * that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle : * be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : * for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit : * for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold : * my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, * and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers, * his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night; * nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

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For the pestilence that walketh in darkness; * nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; * but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold * and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; * thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, * that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: * I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord, * all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, * even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, * and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth * give thee blessing out of Sion.

Antiphon. In the end.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father.

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Antiphon. In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to see the sepulchre. Alleluia.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace: and let thy blessing be always upon us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Blessing. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and keep us. *R.* Amen.

Then is said immediately the Regina coeli, laetare:

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,

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As he promised hath arisen, alleluia: Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

After the Antiphon is said:

V. ✠The Divine help remain with us always.

R. Amen.

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EASTER DAY

MATINS, LAUDS, PRIME, TERCE, SEXT, NONE, MASS, VESPERS, AND COMPLINE

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EASTER DAY

AT MATINS.

The Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *are said silently.*

V. O Lord, ✠open thou my lips.

R. And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. ✠O God, make speed to save me.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

The Invitatory. The Lord is risen indeed, ✱ Alleluia.

R. The Lord is risen indeed, ✱ Alleluia.

Psalm 95. *Venite, exultemus Domino.*

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: ✱ let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, ✱ and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

V. The Lord is risen indeed, ✱ Alleluia.

For the Lord is a great God, ✱ and a great King above all gods.

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In his hand are all the corners of the earth: * and the strength of the hills is his also.

R. Alleluia.

The sea is his, and he made it: * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

R. The Lord is risen indeed, * Alleluia.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, * proved me, and saw my works.

R. Alleluia.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;

Unto whom I sware in my wrath * that they should not enter into my rest.

R. The Lord is risen indeed, * Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

R. Alleluia.

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V. The Lord is risen indeed, † ✱ Alleluia.

The Nocturn.

Antiphon. I am that I am, † ✱ and my counsel is not with the ungodly, but my delight is in the law of the Lord, alleluia.

Psalm 1. *Beatus vir qui non abiit.*

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, † nor stood in the way of sinners, ✱ and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; ✱ and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, ✱ that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither; ✱ and look, whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: ✱ but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, ✱ neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: ✱ and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I am that I am, * and my counsel is not with the ungodly, but my delight is in the law of the Lord, alleluia.

Antiphon. I desired of my Father, † * alleluia, and he gave me the heathen, alleluia, for mine inheritance, alleluia.

Psalm 2. *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together, * and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together, * against the Lord, and against his Anointed:

Let us break their bonds asunder, * and cast away their cords from us.

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: * the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, * and vex them in his sore displeasure:

Yet have I set my King * upon my holy hill of Sion.

I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me, * Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

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Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, * and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron; * and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: * be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord in fear, * and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way, † if his wrath be kindled, yea but a little. * Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I desired of my Father, * alleluia, and he gave me the heathen, alleluia, for mine inheritance, alleluia.

Antiphon. I laid me down † and slept, * and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 3. *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! * many are they that rise against me.

Many one there be that say of my

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soul, * There is no help for him in his God.

But thou, O Lord, art my defender; * thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.

I did call upon the Lord with my voice; * and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; * for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people, * that have set themselves against me round about.

Up, Lord, and help me, O my God: * for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: * and thy blessing is upon thy people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I laid me down and slept, * and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord is risen from the sepulchre, alleluia.

R. Who for our sakes did hang upon the Tree, alleluia.

Our Father . . . *secretly.*

V. And lead us not into temptation;
R. But deliver us from evil.

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The Absolution.

HEAR, Lord Jesus Christ, the prayers of thy servants, and have mercy upon us; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

The Blessing. The evangelical lection be our safeguard and protection.

Lesson i. *The Gospel. St. Mark* 16. 1.

AND when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And what follows.

A homily of St. Gregory the Pope (Homily 21 on the Gospels).

Ye have heard, dearly beloved brethren, that those holy women who had followed the Lord, came to the tomb with sweet spices. They had loved the Lord whilst he was yet alive: now that he is dead, they still follow him with the service of their affection. But this deed of theirs points to something which we, as members of the Church, have to put into practice. Hence it is necessary that we should hear what took place: that so we may learn what that something is which we, in imitation of them, have to do. Now we, who believe in him that is dead,

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shall surely likewise come with sweet spices to His tomb, if we seek the Lord, redolent with the odour of virtues, and desirous to do good works. But those women who came with the sweet spices, saw Angels; and for this reason, that those minds see the denizens of heaven, which make their way to the Lord, perfumed with the odour of good works, through holy desires.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it, and said to the women, ✱ Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified; he is not here, for he is risen. Come, see the place where the Lord lay, alleluia. *V.* And entering into the sepulchre they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment, and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them. Fear not ye. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. And the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it, and said to the women, ✱ Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified; he is not here, for he is risen. Come, see the place where the Lord lay, alleluia.

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V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the divine assistance remain with us evermore.

R. Amen.

Lesson ii.

But we must mark the meaning of the Angel's being seen sitting on the right side. Now, what is meant by the left, if not this present life? and what by the right, if not life everlasting? Whence it is written in the Song of Songs, 'His left hand is under my head, and His right hand shall embrace me.' Now, as our Redeemer had passed out of the corruption of this present life, the Angel, who came to announce his never-ending life, rightly sat on the right side. And he appeared clothed in white raiment, as became the herald of the joys of our festivity. For the whiteness of his raiment marks the splendor of our solemnity. Ours, indeed, or his? Why, in truth, both his and ours! For that rising-again of our Redeemer, was at once our festival, because it brought us back to immortality: and the Angels' festival, because, by calling us back to heaven, it filled up the numbers of the Angels.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. When the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought

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sweet spices, ℣ That they might come and anoint Jesus, alleluia, alleluia. *V*. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun, That they might come and anoint him. Glory be to the Father. That they might come.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the King of angels bring us to the society of the heavenly citizens.

R. Amen.

Lesson iii.

Wherefore, on a day which was one of gladness both for him and for us, the Angel appeared in white raiment: for through our being brought back to heaven by the Lord's Resurrection, the losses of our heavenly fatherland were made good. But what is this he sayeth unto the women that had come to the tomb? 'Fear not:' that is, as if openly he had said, 'Let them fear, who dislike the coming of the citizens of heaven; let them quail, who, weighed down by the lusts of the flesh, despair of ever being able to attain the fellowship of Angels. But you, why should you fear the sight of your fellow-citizens?' Whence also Saint Matthew, when recording the Angel's appearance, saith, 'And his countenance was like lightning, and his

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raiment as snow. For lightning strikeeth fear and terror; but snow attracteth by its brilliancy.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

Te Deum laudamus.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee.

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honorable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thouart the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to

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deliver man : thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

The following verse is said kneeling :

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee ;

And we worship thy Name : ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

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V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.
Antiphon. The angel of the Lord † descended from heaven, ✱ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 93. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; ✱ the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure, ✱ that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began, hath thy seat been prepared: ✱ thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice; ✱ the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty and rage horribly, ✱ but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: ✱ holiness becometh thine house for ever.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, ✱ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. And behold, † there was a great earthquake: ✱ for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Psalm 100. *Jubilate Deo.*

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: ✱ serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; ✱ we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, † and into his courts with praise: ✱ be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; ✱ and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

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Antiphon. And behold, there was a great earthquake: * for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Antiphon. His countenance † was like lightning: * and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 63. *Deus, Deus meus.*

O GOD, thou art my God: * early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh also longeth after thee * in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, * that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself, * my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner: * and lift up my hands in thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with narrow and fatness; * when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed, * and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper, * therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee: * thy right hand hath upholden me.

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These also that seek the hurt of my soul, ✱ they shall go under the earth.

Let them fall upon the edge of the sword : ✱ that they may be a portion for foxes.

But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended : ✱ for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. His countenance was like lightning : ✱ and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. For fear of him † the keepers did shake, ✱ and became as dead men, alleluia.

The Song of the Three Children. *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini.*

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord : O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the

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Lord : O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord : O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord : O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord : O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord : O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord : O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord.

O let the Earth bless the Lord : yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord : O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord : O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord : O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord : O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord.

O let Israel bless the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

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O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord : O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost; let us praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven : and worthy to be praised, and glorious, and highly exalted for ever.

Antiphon. For fear of him the keepers did shake, * and became as dead men, alleluia.

Antiphon. And the angel answered † and said unto the women : * Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

Psalm 148. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven : * praise him in the height.

Praise him all ye angels of his : * praise him all his host.

Praise him sun and moon : * praise him all ye stars and light.

Praise him all ye heavens, * and ye waters that are above the heavens.

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Let them praise the Name of the Lord : ℣ for he spake the word and they were made ; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever : ℣ he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth, ℣ ye dragons and all deeps ;

Fire and hail snow and vapours ; ℣ wind and storm, fulfilling his word ;

Mountains and all hills ; ℣ fruitful trees and all cedars ;

Beasts and all cattle ; ℣ worms and feathered fowls ;

Kings of the earth and all people ; ℣ princes and all judges of the world.

Young men and maidens, old men and children, † praise the Name of the Lord : ℣ for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people ; all his saints shall praise him ; ℣ even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ℣ and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ℣ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. And the angel answered and said unto the women : ℣ Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

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EASTER DAY

The chapter, hymn and versicle are not said, but in their place:

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Antiphon to Benedictus. And very early in the morning † the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. Alleluia.

Benedictus. St. Luke 1. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; ✱ for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us ✱ in the house of his servant David:

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, ✱ which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, ✱ and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, ✱ and to remember his holy covenant:

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, ✱ that he would give us.

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies ✱ might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

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And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest : ✱ for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways ;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people ✱ for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God ; ✱ whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us ;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, ✱ and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. And very early in the morning ✱ the first day of the week they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. Alleluia.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life ; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good

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desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

(*Thus said only at Lauds and Vespers.*)

V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

From Compline of the Holy Sabbath until None of the Saturday within the octave of Pentecost inclusive, is said:

Antiphon. *Regina coeli, laetare.*

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

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LAUDS

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

V. ✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always.

R. Amen.

AT PRIME

After the Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *have been said silently, the Officiant begins the*

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, ✱ and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God; ✱ and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against

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me, * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper : * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : * destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord : * because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119. i. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, * and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, * and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness * walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged * that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded, * while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

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I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, * when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies : * O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? * even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee : * O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart, * that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord : * O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, * as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments, * and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes : * and I will not forget thy word.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119. ii. *Retribue servo tuo.*

O DO well unto thy servant, * that I may live and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, * that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

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I am a stranger upon earth : * O hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire * that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

Thou hast rebuked the proud, * and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke ; * for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me : * but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

For thy testimonies are my delight * and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth to the dust : * O quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me : * O teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments : * and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness : * comfort thou me according unto thy word.

Take from me the way of lying : * and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth : * and thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies : * O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of thy command-

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ments, ✱ when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

After the Psalms is said the

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Then follows the reading of the Martyrology, and the Officiant says:

V. Right dear in the sight of the Lord.

R. Is the death of his Saints.

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The Collect.

MAY Holy Mary, and all the Saints intercede for us to the Lord, that we may be aided and saved by him who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

And this versicle and response is said thrice, after which is added:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✻ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, ✻ world without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation;

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Look upon thy servants, O Lord, and upon thy works, and direct their children.

R. And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✻ and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, ✻ world without end. Amen.

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PRIME

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the Lord Almighty dispose our days and deeds in his peace.

R. Amen.

Short Lesson. *Colossians* 3. 1 *and* 2.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

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V. Bless ye.
R. God.

Blessing. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to life everlasting; and ✠ may the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

AT TERCE

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ∗ and to the Holy Ghost.
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ∗ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

Psalm 119, iii. *Legem pone.*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; ∗ and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; ∗ yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; ∗ for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, ∗ and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; ∗ and quicken thou me in thy way.

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O stablish thy word in thy servant, * that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : * for thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : * O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord, * even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : * for my trust is in thy word.

O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth; * for my hope is in thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep thy law, * yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty : * for I seek thy commandments.

I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings, * and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in thy commandments, * which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved ; * and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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Psalm 119, iv. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word, * wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble: * for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision: * yet have I not shrinked from thy law.

For I remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord; * and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid * for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs * in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night season, * and have kept thy law.

This I had, * because I kept thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord: * I have promised to keep thy law.

I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart: * O be merciful unto me according to thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance, * and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste, and prolonged not the time * to keep thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly

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have robbed me : * but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee * because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee, * and keep thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy : * O teach me thy statutes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, v. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, * according unto thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge : * for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was troubled I went wrong : * but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good and gracious : * O teach me thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : * but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn ; * but my delight hath been in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble ; * that I may learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me * than thousands of gold and silver.

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Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : ✱ O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me ; ✱ because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, ✱ and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort, ✱ according to thy word unto thy servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto me that I may live : ✱ for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, † for they go wickedly about to destroy me : ✱ but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies, ✱ be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes ; ✱ that I be not ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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TERCE

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V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

AT SEXT

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

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Psalm 119, vi. *Defecit anima mea.*

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation : * and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for thy word, * saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; * yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant? * when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me, * which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are true : * they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth; * but I forsook not thy commandments.

O quicken me after thy loving-kindness; * and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

O Lord, thy word * endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : * thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance : * for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law, * I should have perished in my trouble.

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I will never forget thy commandments : * for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, O save me ; * for I have sought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : * but I will consider thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end : * but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, vii. *Quomodo dilexi !*

LORD, what love have I unto thy law ! * all the day long is my study in it.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : * for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers : * for thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged, * because I keep thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep thy word.

I have not shrunk from thy judgments : * for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my

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throat! * yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!

Through thy commandments I get understanding: * therefore I hate all evil ways.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet * and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn and am stedfastly purposed, * to keep thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure: * quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord, * and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand: * yet do I not forget thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me: * but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever: * and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway, * even unto the end.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, viii. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I HATE them that imagine evil things: * but thy law do I love.

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Thou art my defence and shield : * and my trust is in thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked : * I will keep the commandments of my God.

O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : * and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : * yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : * for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : * therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : * and I am afraid of thy judgments.

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : * O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : * that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health, * and for the word of thy righteousness.

O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy, * and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant ; O grant me understanding, * that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to

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thine hand : * for they have destroyed thy law.

For I love thy commandments * above gold and precious stone.

Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : * and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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SEXT

V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace.
R. Amen.

AT NONE

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

Psalm 119, ix. *Mirabilia.*

THY testimonies are wonderful: ✱ therefore doth my soul keep them.

When thy word goeth forth, ✱ it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth and drew in my breath: ✱ for my delight was in thy commandments.

O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, ✱ as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

Order my steps in thy word: ✱ and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

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O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : * and so shall I keep thy commandments.

Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant ; * and teach me thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water, * because men keep not thy law.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, * and true is thy judgment.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded * are exceeding righteous and true.

My zeal hath even consumed me, * because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is tried to the uttermost : * and thy servant loveth it.

I am small and of no reputation : * yet do I not forget thy commandments.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, * and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : * yet is my delight in thy commandments.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting : * O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost ;

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Psalm 119, x. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I CALL with my whole heart; * hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

Yea, even unto thee do I call; * help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: * for in thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches, * that I might be occupied in thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness: * quicken me, according as thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me: * and are far from thy law.

Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord; * for all thy commandments are true.

As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since * that thou hast grounded them for ever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me: * for I do not forget thy law.

Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me: * quicken me according to thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly: * for they regard not thy statutes.

Great is thy mercy, O Lord: * quicken me as thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me; * yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

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It grieveth me when I see the transgressors; * because they keep not thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments: * O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting: * all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, xi. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: * but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word, * as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them: * but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee * because of thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law: * and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health, * and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies; * and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and

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testimonies : * for all my ways are before thee.

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord : * give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee : * deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall speak of thy praise, * when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : * for all thy commandments are righteous.

Let thine hand help me; * for I have chosen thy commandments.

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord; * and in thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; * and thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; * O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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EASTER DAY

Let us pray.

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V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

AT MASS

The Introit. Ps. 138.

I AM risen, and am still with thee, alleluia : thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia : thy knowledge is too wonderful for me, alleluia, alleluia.

V. O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me : thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c. I am risen.

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The Epistle. 1 *Cor.* 5. 6.

KNOW ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Gradual. *Ps.* 118.

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

V. O give thanks unto the Lord, for

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he is gracious, because his mercy endureth for ever.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. 1 *Cor.* 5. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

The Sequence. Victimae Paschali laudes.

CHRISTIANS, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconcileth sinners to the Father;

Death and life have contended
In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak Mary, declaring
What thou sawest wayfaring:

'The Tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesu's Resurrection:

Bright Angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen:
To Galilee he goes before you,'

Happy they who hear the witness,
Mary's word believing
Above the tales of Jewry deceiving.

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Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Alleluia.

(*This Sequence is said until the Saturday before Low Sunday inclusive*).

The Gospel. St. Mark 16. 1.

WHEN the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither

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said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

The Offertory. Ps. 76.

THE earth trembled, and was still, when God arose to judgment. Alleluia.

The Secret.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, receive the prayers of thy people, together with this holy Sacrifice begun with the Easter Mysteries, and grant that it may, by thy grace, profit us unto eternal salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Proper Preface.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

The Communion. 1 *Cor.* 5.

CHRIST our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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AT MASS

The Postcommunion.

POUR into us, O Lord, the spirit of thy love, that those whom thou hast fulfilled with the Easter sacraments, may become of one mind and heart by true devotion to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After The Lord be with you *is said* Go, the Mass is over. Alleluia, alleluia. *It is said thus up till and including Saturday before Low Sunday.*

AT VESPERS

After the Our Father, *and* Hail Mary, *have been said silently the Officiant begins:*

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.
Antiphon. The angel of the Lord † descended from heaven : ✱ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 110. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE Lord said unto my Lord, ✱ Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
The Lord shall send the rod of

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thy power out of Sion : ℣ be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

In the day of thy power shall thy people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship : ℣ the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord sware and will not repent, ℣ Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedech.

The Lord upon thy right hand ℣ shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen, ℣ he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way : † ℣ therefore shall he lift up his head.

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ℣ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven : ℣ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. And behold, ℣ † there was a great earthquake : ℣ for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

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Psalm 111. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, * secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, * sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honor : * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works * that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him : * he shall be ever mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment ; * all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever, * and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people : * he hath commanded his covenant for ever ; holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : * a good understanding have all they that do thereafter ; the praise of it endureth for ever.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. And behold, there was a great earthquake : * for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Antiphon. His countenance † was like lightning : * and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 112. *Beatus vir.*

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord, * he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth : * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house : * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness : * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful and lendeth : * and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved : * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings : * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

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His heart is stablished and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor; * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; * he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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Antiphon. His countenance was like lightning: * and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. For fear of him † the keepers did shake: * and became as dead men, alleluia.

Psalm 113. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants, * O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord * from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's Name is praised * from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen, * and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high, * and

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yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!

He taketh up the simple out of the dust, * and lifteth the poor out of the mire.

That he may set him with the princes, * even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, * and to be a joyful mother of children.

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Antiphon. For fear of him the keepers did shake: * and became as dead men, alleluia.

Antiphon. And the angel † answered and said unto the women, * Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

Psalm 114. *In exitu Israel.*

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt, * and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

Judah was his sanctuary, * and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled: * Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that

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thou fleddest? * and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; * and ye little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, * and the flint-stone into a springing well. (*Here is not said* Glory be to the Father).

Psalm 115. *Non nobis, Domine.*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, † but unto thy Name give the praise, * for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God?

As for our God, he is in heaven: * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, and speak not: * eyes have they, and see not.

They have ears, and hear not: * noses have they, and smell not.

They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not: * neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all such as put their trust in them.

But thou, house of Israel, trust thou

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in the Lord : * he is their succor and defence.

Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord : * he is their helper and defender.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord : * he is their helper and defender.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us : * even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the Lord, * both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more, * you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord * who made heaven and earth.

All the whole heavens are the Lord's : * the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not thee, O Lord, * neither all they that go down into silence.

But we will praise the Lord * from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

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Antiphon upon Magnificat. And when they looked, † they saw that the stone was rolled away : ✱ for it was very great, alleluia.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum. St. Luke 1. 46–55.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : ✱ and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : ✱ the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth : ✱ all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : ✱ and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : ✱ throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : ✱ he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : ✱ and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : ✱ and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : ✱ as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

And here is added the Antiphon of Our Lady.

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VESPERS

Regina coeli, laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.
V. ✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always.
R. Amen.

AT COMPLINE

The Reader shall begin:

V. Bid, Sir, a blessing.
Blessing. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
R. Amen.

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Short Lesson. 1 *St. Peter* 5. 8.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Our Father (*entirely in secret*).

Then the Officiant shall make Confession.

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Choir shall answer.

God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

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Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *and* you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *shall be said,* to thee, Father, (*or* Mother,) *and* thee, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

After the Absolution shall be said:

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour.
R. And let thine anger cease from us.
V. ✠ O God, make speed to save me.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness : ✱ thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor? ✱ and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

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Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : * when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not : * commune with your own heart and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, * and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, * Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up * the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, * since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : * for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold : * my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the

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snare of the hunter, ✱ and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, † and thou shalt be safe under his feathers, ✱ his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night; ✱ nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness; ✱ nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; ✱ but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold ✱ and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, lord, art my hope; ✱ thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, ✱ neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, ✱ to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, ✱ that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: ✱ the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: ✱ I

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will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him : * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord, * all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, * even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,* and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth * give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29–32

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : * according to thy word.

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For mine eyes have seen ✱ thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared ✱ before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles;✱ and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

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Let us pray.

The Collect.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace: and let thy blessing be always upon us; through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Blessing. The Almighty and merci-

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ful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us.

R. Amen.

And without adding May the souls *the proper Antiphon of Our Lady is said immediately.*

Regina coeli, laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

At the end of which is said the

V. ✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always.

R. Amen.

The Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *are said secretly.*

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AT MATINS.

The Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *are said silently.*

V. O Lord, ✠ open thou my lips.
R. And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
V. ✠ O God, make speed to save me.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

The Invitatory. The Lord is risen indeed, ✱ Alleluia.
R. The Lord is risen indeed, ✱ Alleluia.

Psalm 95. *Venite, exultemus Domino.*

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: ✱ let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, ✱ and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

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V. The Lord is risen indeed, * Alleluia.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth : * and the strength of the hills is his also.

R. Alleluia.

The sea is his, and he made it : * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down : * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God ; * and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

R. The Lord is risen indeed, * Alleluia.

To-day if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts, * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness ;

When your fathers tempted me, * proved me and saw my works.

R. Alleluia.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways ;

Unto whom I sware in my wrath * that they should not enter into my rest.

R. The Lord is risen indeed, † * Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost ;

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, † ✱ world without end. Amen.

R. Alleluia.

V. The Lord is risen indeed, † ✱ Alleluia.

The Nocturn.

Antiphon. I am that I am, † ✱ and my counsel is not with the ungodly, but my delight is in the law of the Lord, alleluia.

Psalm 1. *Beatus vir qui non abiit.*

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, † nor stood in the way of sinners, ✱ and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; ✱ and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, ✱ that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither; ✱ and look, whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: ✱ but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, ✱ neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

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But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : ✱ and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I am that I am, ✱ and my counsel is not with the ungodly, but my delight is in the law of the Lord, alleluia.

Antiphon. I desired of my Father, † ✱ alleluia, and he gave me the heathen, alleluia, for mine inheritance, alleluia.

Psalm 2. *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together, ✱ and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together, ✱ against the Lord, and against his Anointed :

Let us break their bonds asunder, ✱ and cast away their cords from us.

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn : ✱ the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, ✱ and vex them in his sore displeasure :

Yet have I set my King ✱ upon my holy hill of Sion.

I will preach the law, whereof the

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Lord hath said unto me, * Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, * and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron; * and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: * be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord in fear, * and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way, † if his wrath be kindled, yea but a little, * Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I desired of my Father, * alleluia, and he gave me the heathen, alleluia, for mine inheritance, alleluia.

Antiphon. I laid me down † and slept, * and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 3. *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! * many are they that rise against me.

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Many one there be that say of my soul, * There is no help for him in his God.

But thou, O Lord, art my defender; * thou art my worship and the lifter up of my head.

I did call upon the Lord with my voice, * and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; * for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people, * that have set themselves against me round about.

Up, Lord, and help me, O my God; * for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: * and thy blessing is upon thy people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I laid me down and slept, * and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord is risen from the sepulchre, alleluia.

R. Who for our sakes did hang upon the Tree, alleluia.

Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

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The Absolution.

HEAR, Lord Jesus Christ, the prayers of thy servants, and have mercy upon us; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

The Blessing. The evangelical lection be our safeguard and protection.

The Holy Gospel. St. Luke 24. 13.

Lesson i.

BEHOLD, two of his disciples went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And what follows.

A homily of St. Gregory the Pope (from homily 23 on the Gospels).

Ye have heard, dearly beloved brethren, that our Lord appeared to two disciples as they walked in the way; though not believing, yet they talked of him, but he showed himself not in that figure which they should have recognized. So the Lord presented that without for the eyes of the body, about which they were communing within with the eyes of the heart. For deep in their hearts they both loved and doubted, and to them the Lord drew near without, but showed not who he was. He showed himself

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to them, since they talked of him, but since they doubted concerning him, he concealed his likeness from their knowledge.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God.

R. As it began to dawn, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the sepulchre; * Jesus whom ye seek is not here, for he is risen as he said. He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him, alleluia, alleluia.

V. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre, at the rising of the sun: and entering, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, who said to them. Jesus whom ye seek is not here.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the divine assistance remain with us evermore.

R. Amen.

Lesson ii.

He spake indeed, rebuking the hardness of their minds, and expounding the mysteries of holy scripture concerning himself. Nevertheless since he had thus far been as a stranger to their hearts according to their lack of faith, 'he made as though he would have gone further.' He who is himself simple Truth doth naught of duplicity: but he only showed himself to them in body, as he was received by them in mind. For they were to be proven, whether they were able to

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love him as a stranger whom they did not yet love as God.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. *R.* Thanks be to God.

R. The good shepherd hath arisen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and deigned to die for his flock: * alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia, Glory be to the Father. Alleluia.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the King of Angels bring us to the society of the heavenly citizens. *R.* Amen.

Lesson iii.

But since they were not able to be strangers to charity with whom the Truth was walking, they invite him to tarry as a stranger to receive their hospitality. Why do we say 'invite', when it is written 'and they constrained him?' That the example may have the more force to teach us not only to ask strangers to come in, but even to compel them. They then set the table, and offered loaves of bread: and God, whom they had not known in the exposition of holy Scripture, they know in the breaking of bread. So by hearing the precepts of God they were not enlightened, but their eyes were opened in doing them, for it is written: the hearers of the law are not righteous in God's sight, but

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the doers of the law shall be justified. Whoever would fain understand that which he has read, let him make haste to fulfil in deed what he has just heard. Behold the Lord is not known while he speaks, but deigns to be known while he is being eaten.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

Te Deum laudamus.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein ;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth ;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee ;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty ;

Thine honorable, true : and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

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Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

The following verse is said kneeling:

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee ;

And we worship thy Name : ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

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AT LAUDS

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ∗ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ∗ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.
Antiphon. The angel of the Lord † descended from heaven, ∗ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 93. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; ∗ the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure, ∗ that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : ∗ thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice; ∗ the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty and rage horribly, ∗ but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies O Lord, are very sure : ∗ holiness becometh thine house for ever.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. The angel of the Lord ✱ descended from heaven, ✱ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. And behold, † there was a great earthquake; ✱ for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Psalm 100. *Jubilate Deo.*

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: ✱ serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; ✱ we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, † and into his courts with praise: ✱ be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; ✱ and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

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Antiphon. And behold, there was a great earthquake; * for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Antiphon. His countenance † was like lightning: * and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 63. *Deus, Deus meus.*

O GOD, thou art my God: * early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh also longeth after thee: * in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, * that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself, * my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner: * and lift up my hands in thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness; * when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed, * and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper, * therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee: * thy right hand hath upholden me.

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These also that seek the hurt of my soul, ✱ they shall go under the earth.

Let them fall upon the edge of the sword : ✱ that they may be a portion for foxes.

But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended : ✱ for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. His countenance was like lightning : ✱ and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. For fear of him † the keepers did shake, ✱ and became as dead men, alleluia.

The Song of the Three Children. *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini.*

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord : O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord : O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord.

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O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord : O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord : O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord : O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord : O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord : O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord.

O let the Earth bless the Lord : yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord : O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord : O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord : O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord : O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord.

O let Israel bless the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the

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Righteous, bless ye the Lord : O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost; let us praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven : and worthy to be praised, and glorious, and highly exalted for ever.

Antiphon. For fear of him the keepers did shake, ℣ and became as dead men, alleluia.

Antiphon. And the angel answered † and said unto the women : ℣ Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

Psalm 148. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven : ℣ praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his : ℣ praise him all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon : ℣ praise him all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens, ℣ and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord : ℣ for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever

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and ever : ✱ he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth, ✱ ye dragons and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapors; ✱ wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills; ✱ fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle; ✱ worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth, and all people; ✱ princes, and all judges of the world.

Young men and maidens, old men and children, † praise the Name of the Lord : ✱ for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him; ✱ even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. And the angel answered and said unto the women : ✱ Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

The chapter, hymn and versicle are not said, but in their place:

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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Antiphon upon Benedictus. Jesus joined himself † to his disciples as they walked, and went with them, but their eyes were holden that they should not know him : ✱ and he rebuked them, and said, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken, alleluia.

Benedictus. St. Luke 1. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel ; ✱ for he hath visited and redeemed his people ;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us ✱ in the house of his servant David :

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, ✱ which have been since the world began ;

That we should be saved from our enemies, ✱ and from the hand of all that hate us ;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, ✱ and to remember his holy covenant :

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, ✱ that he would give us ;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies ✱ might serve him without fear ;

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest : ✱ for thou

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shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. Jesus joined himself to his disciples as they walked, and went with them, but their eyes were holden that they should not know him: * and he rebuked them, and said, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken, alleluia.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost

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put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

(*Thus said only at Lauds and Vespers.*)

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

From Compline of the Holy Sabbath until None of the Saturday within the octave of Pentecost inclusive is said:

Antiphon. *Regina Coeli, laetare.*

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary: alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed: alleluia.

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MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. ✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always.

R. Amen.

AT PRIME

After the Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *have been said silently, the Officiant begins the*

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, ✱ and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God; ✱ and

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hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper : * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : * destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord : * because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, i. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, * and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, * and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness * walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged * that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

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O that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded, * while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, * when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies : * O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? * even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee : * O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart, * that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord : * O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, * as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments, * and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes : * and I will not forget thy word.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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PRIME

Psalm 119, ii. *Retribue servo tuo.*

O DO well unto thy servant, * that I may live and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, * that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth: * O hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire * that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

Thou hast rebuked the proud, * and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke; * for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: * but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

For thy testimonies are my delight * and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth to the dust: * O quicken me according to thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: * O teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: * and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness: * comfort thou me according unto thy word.

Take from me the way of lying: * and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

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I have chosen the way of truth: * and thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: * O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of thy commandments, * when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

After the Psalms is said the

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

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V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

Then follows the reading of the Martyrology, and the Officiant says

V. Right dear in the sight of the Lord.
R. Is the death of his Saints.

The Collect.

MAY Holy Mary, and all the Saints intercede for us to the Lord, that we may be aided and saved by him who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.
R. Amen.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

And this versicle and response is said thrice, after which is added

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation;
R. But deliver us from evil.
V. Look upon thy servants, O Lord, and upon thy works, and direct their children.
R. And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. Prosper

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thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the Lord Almighty dispose our days and deeds in his peace.

R. Amen.

Short Lesson. *Col.* 3. 1 *and* 2.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things

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above, not on things on the earth. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Bless ye.

R. God.

Blessing. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to life everlasting; ✠ and may the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

AT TERCE.

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Psalm 119, iii. *Legem pone.*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; ✱ and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; ✱ yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

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Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; * for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, * and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; * and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant, * that I may fear thee. Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: * for thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments: * O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord, * even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers: * for my trust is in thy word.

O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth; * for my hope is in thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep thy law, * yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: * for I seek thy commandments.

I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings, and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in thy commandments, * which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have lov-

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ed; * and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, iv. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word, * wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble: * for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision: * yet have I not shrinked from thy law.

For I remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord; * and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid * for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs * in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night season, * and have kept thy law.

This I had, * because I kept thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord; * I have promised to keep thy law.

I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart: *

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O be merciful unto me according to thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance, * and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste, and prolonged not the time * to keep thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : * but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee * because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee, * and keep thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy : * O teach me thy statutes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, v. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, * according unto thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge : * for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was troubled I went wrong : * but now have I kept thy word.

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Thou art good and gracious; ✱ O teach me thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : ✱ but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn; ✱ but my delight hath been in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble; ✱ that I may learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me ✱ than thousands of gold and silver.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : ✱ O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; ✱ because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, ✱ and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort, ✱ according to thy word unto thy servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto me that I may live : ✱ for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, † for they go wickedly about to destroy me : ✱ but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies, ✱ be turned unto me.

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O let my heart be sound in thy statutes; ✱ that I be not ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

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R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

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V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

Psalm 119, vi. *Defecit anima mea.*

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation: ✱ and I have a good hope because of thy word.
Mine eyes long sore for thy word, ✱ saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?
For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: ✱ yet do I not forget thy statutes.
How many are the days of thy servant? ✱ when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?
The proud have digged pits for me, ✱ which are not after thy law.
All thy commandments are true: ✱ they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.
They had almost made an end of me upon earth; ✱ but I forsook not thy commandments.
O quicken me after thy loving-kindness; ✱ and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.
O Lord, thy word ✱ endureth for ever in heaven.

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Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : ✱ thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance : ✱ for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law : ✱ I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments : ✱ for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, O save me ; ✱ for I have sought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : ✱ but I will consider thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end : ✱ but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, vii. *Quomodo dilexi !*

LORD, what love have I unto thy law : ✱ all the day long is my study in it.

Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies : ✱ for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my

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teachers : * for thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged, * because I keep thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way : * that I may keep thy word.

I have not shrunk from thy judgments : * for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat : * yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!

Through thy commandments I get understanding : * therefore I hate all evil ways.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet * and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed, * to keep thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure : * quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord, * and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand : * yet do I not forget thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me : * but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : * and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway, * even unto the end.

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, viii. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I HATE them that imagine evil things : * but thy law do I love.

Thou art my defence and shield : * and my trust is in thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked : * I will keep the commandments of my God.

O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : * and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : * yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : * for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : * therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ; * and I am afraid of thy judgments.

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right; * O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : * that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with

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looking for thy health, * and for the word of thy righteousness.

O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy, * and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; O grant me understanding * that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand: * for they have destroyed thy law.

For I love thy commandments; * above gold and precious stone.

Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments; * and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace.
R. Amen.

AT NONE.

V. ✠ O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

Psalm 119, ix. *Mirabilia*

THY testimonies are wonderful: ✱ therefore doth my soul keep them.

When thy word goeth forth, ✱ it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

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I opened my mouth and drew in my breath : * for my delight was in thy commandments.

O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, * as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

Order my steps in thy word : * and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : * and so shall I keep thy commandments.

Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant ; * and teach me thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water, * because men keep not thy law.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, * and true is thy judgment.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded * are exceeding righteous and true.

My zeal hath even consumed me, * because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is tried to the uttermost : * and thy servant loveth it.

I am small and of no reputation : * yet do I not forget thy commandments.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, * and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : * yet is my delight in thy commandments.

The righteousness of thy testimonies

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is everlasting : * O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, x. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I CALL with my whole heart : * hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

Yea, even unto thee do I call : * help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee : for in thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches, * that I might be occupied in thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness : * quicken me, according as thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : * and are far from thy law.

Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord; * for all thy commandments are true.

As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since * that thou hast grounded them for ever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me : * for I do not forget thy law.

Avenge thou my cause and deliver

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me : * quicken me according to thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not thy statutes.

Great is thy mercy, O Lord : * quicken me as thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me and persecute me ; * yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors; * because they keep not thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments : * O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting : * all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, xi. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause : * but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word, * as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : * but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee * because of thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have

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who love thy law : * and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health, * and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies : * and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : * for all my ways are before thee.

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord : * give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee : * deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall speak of thy praise, * when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : * for all thy commandments are righteous.

Let thine hand help me; * for I have chosen thy commandments.

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord; * and in thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; * and thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; * O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

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V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

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AT MASS

The Introit. Exodus 12.

THE Lord hath brought you into a land flowing with milk and honey, alleluia : that the Lord's law may always be in your mouth. Alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. 105. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name : tell the people what things he hath done.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c. The Lord.

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For the Epistle. Acts 10. 34.

PETER opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons : but in every

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nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

The Gradual. Ps. 118.

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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V. Let Israel now confess that he is gracious : and that his mercy endureth for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia.

V. St. Matthew 28. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

The Sequence. Victimae Paschali laudes.

CHRISTIANS, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeemeth :
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconcileth sinners to the Father ;

Death and life have contended
In that combat stupendous :
The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak Mary, declaring
What thou sawest wayfaring :

'The Tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesu's Resurrection :

Bright Angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen :
To Galilee he goes before you.'

Happy they who hear the witness,
Mary's word believing
Above the tales of Jewry deceiving.

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Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel. St. Luke 24. 13.

BEHOLD, two of his disciples went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering, said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed

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Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the

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scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

The Offertory. St. Matthew 28.

THE angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women, Whom seek ye? He has risen, as he said. Alleluia.

The Secret.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, receive the prayers of thy people together with this holy sacrifice begun with the Easter mysteries, and grant that it may, by thy grace, profit us unto eternal salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Communion. St. Luke 24.

THE Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

The Postcommunion.

POUR into us, O Lord, the spirit of thy love, that those whom thou hast fulfilled with the Easter sacraments, may become of one mind and heart by true devotion to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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AT VESPERS.

After the Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *have been said silently the Officiant begins:*

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ∗ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, ∗ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.
Antiphon. The angel of the Lord † descended from heaven : and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 110. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE Lord said unto my Lord, ∗ Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion : ∗ be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

In the day of thy power shall thy people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship : ∗ the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord sware, and will not repent, ∗ Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedech.

The Lord upon thy right hand ∗

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shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen, ✱ he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way: † ✱ therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

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Antiphon. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven: ✱ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. And behold † there was a great earthquake: ✱ for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Psalm 111. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, ✱ secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, ✱ sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honor: ✱ and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath

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so done his marvellous works * that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him : * he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; * all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever, * and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people : * he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : * a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. And behold, * there was a great earthquake : * for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Antiphon. His countenance † was like lightning : * and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

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Psalm 112. *Beatus vir.*

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord, * he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth : * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house : * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness : * he is merciful loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful and lendeth : * and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved : * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings : * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is stablished and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor; * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; * he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. His countenance was like lightning : ✱ and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. For fear of him † the keepers did shake : ✱ and became as dead men, alleluia.

Psalm 113. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants, ✱ O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord ✱ from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's Name is praised ✱ from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen, ✱ and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high, ✱ and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!

He taketh up the simple out of the dust, ✱ and lifteth the poor out of the mire.

That he may set him with the princes, ✱ even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, ✱ and to be a joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ∗ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. For fear of him the keepers did shake : ∗ and became as dead men, alleluia.

Antiphon. And the angel † answered and said unto the women, ∗ Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

Psalm 114. *In exitu Israel.*

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt, ∗ and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

Judah was his sanctuary, ∗ and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that and fled : ∗ Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams, ∗ and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? ∗ and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; ∗ and ye little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, ∗ at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, ∗ and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Psalm 115. *Non nobis, Domine.*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, † but unto thy Name give the

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praise, * for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God ?

As for our God, he is in heaven : * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, and speak not : * eyes have they and see not.

They have ears, and hear not : * noses have they and smell not.

They have hands, and handle not ; feet have they and walk not :* neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them ; * and so are all such as put their trust in them.

But thou, house of Israel trust thou in the Lord : * he is their succor and defence.

Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord : * he is their helper and defender.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord :*he is their helper and defender.

The Lord hath been mindful of us and he shall bless us : * even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the Lord, * both small and great.

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The Lord shall increase you more and more, ∗ you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord ∗ who made heaven and earth.

All the whole heavens are the Lord's : ∗ the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not thee, O Lord, ∗ neither all they that go down into silence.

But we will praise the Lord : ∗ from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ∗ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ∗ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Antiphon upon Magnificat. What manner of communications † are these that ye have one to another, ∗ as ye walk, and are sad? Alleluia.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
St. Luke 1. 46–55.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : ∗ and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : ∗ the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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For behold, from henceforth ✱ all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : ✱ and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : ✱ throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : ✱ he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : ✱ and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : ✱ and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : ✱ as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon upon Magnificat. What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another as ye walk, and are sad? Alleluia.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and

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opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Antiphon of our Lady.

And here is added the Regina coeli, laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

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MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

V. ✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always.
R. Amen.

AT COMPLINE

The Reader shall begin:

V. Bid, Sir, a blessing.
Blessing. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *R.* Amen.

Short Lesson. 1 *St. Peter* 5. 8.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
Our Father (*entirely in secret*).

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Then the Officiant shall make Confession.

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Choir shall answer:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters), *and* you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters), *shall be said,* to thee, Father, (*or* Mother), *and* thee, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say:

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins.

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After the Absolution shall be said:

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour.
R. And let thine anger cease from us.
V. ✠ O God, make speed to save me.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: ✱ thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor? ✱ and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly: ✱ when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not: ✱ commune with your own heart and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, ✱ and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, ✱ Who will show us any good?

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Lord, lift thou up * the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, * since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace and take my rest : * for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold : * my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, * and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, † and thou shalt be safe under his feathers, * his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night; * nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness; * nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

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A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; * but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold * and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; * thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, * that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: * I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now,

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and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord, * all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, * even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, * and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth * give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29-32

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: * according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen * thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared * before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles; * and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

After which is said the

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy : let thy holy Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace : and let thy blessing be always upon us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Blessing. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and keep us.

R. Amen.

And without adding May the souls *the Proper* Antiphon of Our Lady *is said immediately.*

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Regina coeli, laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

At the end of which is said the

V. May the divine assistance remain with us always. *R.* Amen.

The Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *are said secretly.*

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TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

MATINS, LAUDS, PRIME, TERCE, SEXT, NONE, MASS, VESPERS, AND COMPLINE

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TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

AT MATINS.

The Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *are said silently.*

V. O Lord, ✠ open thou my lips.
R. And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
V. ✠ O God, make speed to save me.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

The Invitatory. The Lord is risen indeed, ✱ alleluia.
R. The Lord is risen indeed, ✱ alleluia.

Psalm 95. *Venite, exultemus Domino.*

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: ✱ let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, ✱ and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

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V. The Lord is risen indeed, * alleluia.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: * and the strength of the hills is his also.

R. Alleluia.

The sea is his, and he made it: * and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

R. The Lord is risen indeed, * alleluia.

To-day if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts, * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, * proved me and saw my works.

R. Alleluia.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;

Unto whom I sware in my wrath * that they should not enter into my rest.

R. The Lord is risen indeed, * alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

R. Alleluia.

V. The Lord is risen indeed, † * alleluia.

The Nocturn.

Antiphon. I am that I am, † * and my counsel is not with the ungodly, but my delight is in the law of the Lord, alleluia.

Psalm 1. *Beatus vir qui non abiit.*

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, * and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; * and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, * that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither; * and look, whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, * neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

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But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : ✱ and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I am that I am, ✱ and my counsel is not with the ungodly, but my delight is in the law of the Lord, alleluia.

Antiphon. I desired of my Father, † ✱ alleluia, and he gave me the heathen, alleluia, for mine inheritance, alleluia.

Psalm 2. *Quare fremuerunt gentes ?*

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together, ✱ and why do the people imagine a vain thing ?

The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together, ✱ against the Lord, and against his Anointed :

Let us break their bonds asunder, ✱ and cast away their cords from us.

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn : ✱ the Lord shall have them in derison.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, ✱ and vex them in his sore displeasure :

Yet have I set my King ✱ upon my holy hill of Sion.

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I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, ✱ and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron; ✱ and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: ✱ be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord in fear, ✱ and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way, † if his wrath be kindled, yea, but a little. ✱ Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I desired of my Father, ✱ alleluia, and he gave me the heathen, alleluia, for mine inheritance, alleluia.

Antiphon. I laid me down † and slept, ✱ and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me, alleluia, alleluia.

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Psalm 3. *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! * many are they that rise against me.

Many one there be that say of my soul, * There is no help for him in his God.

But thou, O Lord, art my defender; * thou art my worship and the lifter up of my head.

I did call upon the Lord with my voice, * and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; * for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people, * that have set themselves against me round about.

Up, Lord, and help me, O my God: * for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: * and thy blessing is upon thy people.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. I laid me down and slept, * and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

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R. And hath appeared to Simon, alleluia.

Our Father (*secretly*).

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.

The Absolution.

HEAR, Lord Jesus Christ, the prayers of thy servants, and have mercy upon us; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, world without end.

R. Amen.
V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. The evangelical lection be our safeguard and protection.

The Holy Gospel. St. Luke 24. 36.

Lesson I.

JESUS himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And what follows.

A Homily of St. Ambrose, the Bishop (from the 24th chapter of the 10th book of his commentary on St. Luke).

Wondrous it is that a bodily nature so infuse itself into a material body, that it be visible to sight, yet hidden in its approach, easy to touch, yet difficult to adjudge. And so the disciples were terrified and supposed that they had seen a spirit. Therefore the Lord, that he might show us the nature of his resurrection, says,

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Handle me, and see, for a spirit has not flesh and bones as ye see me have. So not through an incorporeal nature, but through the power of his resurrection did he go into what was closed to entrance. What can be touched is corporeal; what can be handled is corporeal.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. With great power the Apostles bare * witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, alleluia, alleluia. *R.* They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spake the word of God with confidence. Witness to the resurrection.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the divine assistance remain with us evermore. *R.* Amen.

Lesson II.

In the body therefore shall we rise. For it is sown a natural body, and it rises a spiritual body: the latter is more subtile, the former more gross, in so far as it is compounded with some measure of earthly defilement. For in what way was it not the same body, wherein remained the wound prints and the scars, which the Lord offered them to handle? By which act he not only confirms our faith, but as well intensifies our devotion, since he preferred to bear those

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wounds received for us to heaven, rather than to do them away, so that the better he might show the Father the price of our freedom. In such manner the Father places him at his right hand, bearing the trophy of our salvation: such likewise does the Martyrs' crown show them to be for us.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. Out of the mouth of the wise came forth honey, alleluia: the sweetness of honey is under his tongue, alleluia: ℣ Honeycomb are his lips, alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Wisdom hath rested in his heart, and prudence in the discourse of his mouth. Honeycomb. Glory be to the Father. Honeycomb.

V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the King of angels bring us to the society of the heavenly citizens. *R.* Amen.

Lesson III.

And since our discourse has thus developed, let us consider with St. John what grace of faith was given the rejoicing Apostles, and with St. Luke, see how the unbelieving ones were refuted: in the latter they shall have received the Holy Ghost, in the former let them be told to remain in the city until they shall be endued

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with power from on high. And it seems to me that the former as an Apostle touched upon the greater and loftier matters, while the latter deals with events nearer to us humans; the latter narrates in the historical sequence, the former in summary: for we may not doubt him who bare witness of these events, in which he was an actor, and his testimony is true. And equally just is it to drive away any suspicion of carelessness or untruth from our minds in regard to him who was worthy to be an Evangelist. And so we think both accounts true, and neither distinguished by difference in expression or diversity of persons. For although St. Luke says that at first they believed not, yet afterwards he shows them to have believed. If we consider the first words only, they seem to conflict; if the last, it is certain they agree.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

Te Deum laudamus.

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry.

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Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth ;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee.

The Father : of an infinite Majesty ;

Thine honorable, true : and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

The following verse is said kneeling :

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

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O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name : ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

AT LAUDS

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Antiphon. The angel of the Lord † descended from heaven, ✱ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 93. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; ✱ the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

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He hath made the round world so sure, * that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared; * thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice; * the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty and rage horribly, * but yet the Lord who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: * holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, * and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. And behold, † there was a great earthquake; * for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Psalm 100. *Jubilate Deo.*

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: * serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not

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we ourselves; * we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, † and into his courts with praise: * be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; * and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. And behold, there was a great earthquake; * for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Antiphon. His countenance † was like lightning: * and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 63. *Deus, Deus meus.*

O GOD, thou art my God; * early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh also longeth after thee * in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, * that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself, * my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee

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in this manner: * and lift up my hands in thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness; * when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed, * and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper, * therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee: * thy right hand hath upholden me.

These also that seek the hurt of my soul, * they shall go under the earth.

Let them fall upon the edge of the sword: * that they may be a portion for foxes.

But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended: * for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. His countenance was like lightning: * and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. For fear of him † the keepers did shake, * and became as dead men, alleluia.

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The Song of the Three Children. *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini.*

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord : O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord : O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord : O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord : O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord : O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord : O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord: O ye Lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord.

O let the Earth bless the Lord : yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord : O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord.

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O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord: O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord: O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord: O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord.

O let Israel bless the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord: O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost; let us praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: and worthy to be praised, and glorious, and highly exalted for ever.

Antiphon. For fear of him † the keepers did shake, ℣ and became as dead men, alleluia.

Antiphon. And the angel answered † and said unto the women: ℣ Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

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Psalm 148. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven: * praise him in the height.

Praise him all ye angels of his: * praise him all his host.

Praise him sun and moon: * praise him all ye stars and light.

Praise him all ye heavens, * and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord: * for he spake the word and they were made: he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever: * he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth, * ye dragons and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapours: * wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills; * fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle: * worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people: * princes and all judges of the world.

Young men and maidens, old men and children, † praise the Name of the Lord: * for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: * even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. And the angel answered and said unto the women: ✱ Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

The chapter, hymn and versicle are not said, but in their place:

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Antiphon upon Benedictus. Jesus stood † in the midst of his disciples, and said unto them, ✱ Peace be unto you, alleluia, alleluia.

Benedictus. St. Luke 1. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; ✱ for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us ✱ in the house of his servant David:

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, ✱ which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, ✱ and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, ✱ and to remember his holy covenant;

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To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples, and said unto them. * Peace be unto you, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

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Let us pray.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

(*Thus said only at Lauds and Vespers*).

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

From Compline of the Holy Sabbath until None of the Saturday within the octave of Pentecost inclusive is said:

Antiphon. *Regina coeli, laetare.*

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia;

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As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

V ✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always. *R.* Amen.

AT PRIME

After the Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *have been said silently, the Officiant begins the*

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

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Psalm 54. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God; * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me, * and tyrants which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper: * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord: * because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble: * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, i. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, * and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, * and seek him with their whole heart.

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For they who do no wickedness * walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged * that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded, * while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, * when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies : * O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? * even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee : * O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart, * that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord : * O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, * as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments, * and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes : * and I will not forget thy word.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, ii. *Retribue servo tuo.*

O DO well unto thy servant, * that I may live and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, * that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth: * O hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire * that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

Thou hast rebuked the proud, * and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke; * for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: * but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

For thy testimonies are my delight * and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth to the dust: * O quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: * O teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: * and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

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My soul melteth away for very heaviness: * comfort thou me according to thy word.

Take from me the way of lying: * and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth * and thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: * O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of thy commandments, * when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

After the Psalm is said the

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger;

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but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

Then follows the reading of the Martyrology, and the Officiant says

V. Right dear in the sight of the Lord,
R. Is the death of his Saints.

The Collect.

MAY Holy Mary, and all the Saints intercede for us to the Lord, that we may be aided and saved by him who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

R. Amen.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

And this versicle and response is said thrice, after which is added

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father (*secretly*).

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V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.
V. Look upon thy servants, O Lord, and upon thy works, and direct their children.
R. And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end.
R. Amen.
V. Please, Sir, to bless us.

Blessing. May the Lord Almighty dispose our days and deeds in his peace.
R. Amen.

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PRIME

Short Lesson. *Colossians* 3. 1 *and* 2.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Bless ye.

R. God.

Blessing. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to life everlasting ; and may the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

AT TERCE

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

Alleluia.

Psalm 119, iii. *Legem pone.*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes ; ✱ and I shall keep it unto the end.

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Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; * yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; * for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, * and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; * and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant, * that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: * for thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments: * O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord, * even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers: * for my trust is in thy word.

O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth; * for my hope is in thy judgments.

So shall I alway keep thy law, * yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: * for I seek thy commandments.

I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings, * and will not be ashamed.

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And my delight shall be in thy commandments, * which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; * and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, iv. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word, * wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble: * for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision: * yet have I not shrinked from thy law.

For I remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord; * and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid * for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs * in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night season, * and have kept thy law.

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This I had, * because I kept thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord; * I have promised to keep thy law.

I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart: * O be merciful unto me according to thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance, * and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste, and prolonged not the time * to keep thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me: * but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee * because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee, * and keep thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: * O teach me thy statutes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, v. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, * according unto thy word.

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O learn me true understanding and knowledge: * for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was troubled I went wrong : * but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good and gracious ; * O teach me thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : * but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn ; * but my delight hath been in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble; * that I may learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me * than thousands of gold and silver.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : * O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; * because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, * and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort, * according to thy word unto thy servant.

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O let thy loving mercies come unto me that I may live : ✱ for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, † for they go wickedly about to destroy me : ✱ but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies ✱ be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes ; ✱ that I be not ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.

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Let us pray.

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reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God rest in peace.
R. Amen.

AT SEXT

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ✱ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

Psalm 119, vi. *Defecit anima mea.*

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation: ✱ and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for thy word, ✱ saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; ✱ yet do I not forget thy statutes.

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How many are the days of thy servant? * when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me, * which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are true: * they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth; * but I forsook not thy commandments.

O quicken me after thy loving-kindness; * and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

O Lord thy word * endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: * thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance: * for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law, * I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments: * for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, O save me; * for I have sought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: * but I will consider thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end: *

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but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, vii. *Quomodo dilexi!*

LORD, what love have I unto thy law! * all the day long is my study in it.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: * for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers: * for thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged, * because I keep thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep thy word.

I have not shrunk from thy judgments: * for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat! * yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!

Through thy commandments I get understanding: * therefore I hate all evil ways.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet * and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly

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purposed, * to keep thy righteous judgments.

I am troubled above measure : * quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord, * and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is alway in my hand : * yet do I not forget thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me : * but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : * and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway, * even unto the end.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 119, viii. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I HATE them that imagine evil things : * but thy law do I love.

Thou art my defence and shield : * and my trust is in thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked : * I will keep the commandments of my God.

O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : * and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

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Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : * yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : * for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : * therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ; * and I am afraid of thy judgments.

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : * O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : * that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health, * and for the word of thy righteousness.

O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy, * and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; O grant me understanding, * that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : * for they have destroyed thy law.

For I love thy commandments * above gold and precious stone.

Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments ; * and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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Psalm 119, ix. *Mirabilia.*

THY testimonies are wonderful: ✱ therefore doth my soul keep them.
When thy word goeth forth, ✱ it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.
I opened my mouth and drew in my breath: ✱ for my delight was in thy commandments.
O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, ✱ as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.
Order my steps in thy word: ✱ and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men: ✱ and so shall I keep thy commandments.
Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant; ✱ and teach me thy statutes.
Mine eyes gush out with water, ✱ because men keep not thy law.

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Righteous art thou, O Lord, * and true is thy judgment.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded * are exceeding righteous and true.

My zeal hath even consumed me, * because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is tried to the uttermost : * and thy servant loveth it.

I am small and of no reputation : * yet do I not forget thy commandments.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, * and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : * yet is my delight in thy commandments.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting : * O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

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Psalm 119, x. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I CALL with my whole heart ; * hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

Yea, even unto thee do I call ; * help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

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Early in the morning do I cry unto thee : * for in thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches, * that I might be occupied in thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness : * quicken me, according as thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : * and are far from thy law.

Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord ; * for all thy commandments are true.

As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since * that thou hast grounded them for ever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me : * for I do not forget thy law.

Avenge thou my cause and deliver me : * quicken me according to thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly : * for they regard not thy statutes.

Great is thy mercy, O Lord : * quicken me as thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me and persecute me ; * yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors ; * because they keep not thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments : * O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

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Thy word is true from everlasting : * all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

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Psalm 119, xi. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause : * but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word, * as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : * but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee * because of thy righteous judgments.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : * and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health, * and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies : * and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : * for all my ways are before thee.

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord : * give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before

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thee : ✱ deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall speak of thy praise, ✱ when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : ✱ for all thy commandments are righteous.

Let thine hand help me; ✱ for I have chosen thy commandments.

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord; ✱ and in thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; ✱ and thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; ✱ O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

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AT MASS

The Introit. Eccles. 15.

SHE shall give him the water of wisdom to drink, alleluia: he shall be stayed upon her and shall not be moved, alleluia: and she shall exalt him for ever. Alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. 105. O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c. She shall give.

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For the Epistle. Acts 13. 26.

MEN and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. But God raised him from the dead: and he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his

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witnesses unto the people. And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers. God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: but he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets: Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

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The Gradual. Ps. 118.

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

V. Ps. 107. Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed: and delivered from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* The Lord is risen from the sepulchre, who for our sakes did hang upon the tree.

The Sequence. Victimae Paschali laudes.

CHRISTIANS, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconcileth sinners to the Father;

Death and life have contended
In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak Mary, declaring
What thou sawest wayfaring:

'The Tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesu's Resurrection:

Bright Angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen:
To Galilee he goes before you,'

Happy they who hear the witness,
Mary's word believing
Above the tales of Jewry deceiving.

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Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel. St. Luke 24. 36.

JESUS himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the

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third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

The Offertory. Ps. 18.

THE Lord thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder: and the springs of waters were seen. Alleluia.

The Secret.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, receive the prayers of thy faithful people and accept their offering of sacrifice, that by meetly performing them in true devotion we may pass to the glory of heaven.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Communion. Col. 3.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, alleluia: set your affection on things above, alleluia.

The Postcommunion.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that a lively sense of the Easter Sacrament may constantly abide in us who have received the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

AT VESPERS

After the Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *have been said silently the Officiant begins:*

V. O God, ✠ make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ∗ and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, ∗ world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.
Antiphon. The angel of the Lord † descended from heaven, ∗ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 110. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE Lord said unto my Lord, ∗ Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: ∗ be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.
In the day of thy power shall thy people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: ∗ the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.
The Lord sware and will not repent, ∗ Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedech.
The Lord upon thy right hand ∗ shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.
He shall judge among the heathen, ∗

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he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way: ✱ therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, ✱ and to the Holy Ghost;

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Antiphon. The angel of the Lord descended from heaven: ✱ and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. And behold, † there was a great earthquake: ✱ for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Psalm 111. *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, ✱ secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, ✱ sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honor: ✱ and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works ✱ that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that

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fear him : * he shall be ever mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment ; * all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever, * and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people : * he hath commanded his covenant for ever ; holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : * a good understanding have all they that do thereafter : the praise of it endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost ;

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Antiphon. And behold, † there was a great earthquake : * for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, alleluia.

Antiphon. His countenance † was like lightning : * and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 112. *Beatus vir.*

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord, * he hath great delight in his commandments.

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His seed shall be mighty upon earth : ∗ the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house ; ∗ and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness : ∗ he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful and lendeth : ∗ and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved : ∗ and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings : ∗ for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is stablished and will not shrink, ∗ until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor ; ∗ and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him ; ∗ he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away ; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

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lightning : ✱ and his raiment white as snow, alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon. For fear of him † the keepers did shake : ✱ and became as dead men, alleluia.

Psalm 113. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants, ✱ O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord ✱ from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's Name is praised ✱ from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all heathen, ✱ and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high, ✱ and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!

He taketh up the simple out of the dust, ✱ and lifteth the poor out of the mire.

That he may set him with the princes, ✱ even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, ✱ and to be a joyful mother of children.

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Antiphon. And the angel † answered and said unto the woman, * Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, alleluia.

Psalm 114. *In exitu Israel.*

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt, * and the house of Jacob from among the strange people.

Judah was his sanctuary, * and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that and fled: * Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? * and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; * and ye little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, * and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Psalm 115. *Non nobis, Domine.*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, † but unto thy Name give the praise, * for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.

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Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God?

As for our God, he is in heaven: * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, and speak not: * eyes have they and see not.

They have ears, and hear not: * noses have they and smell not.

They have hands, and handle not; feet have they and walk not: * neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all such as put their trust in them.

But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord: * he is their succor and defence.

Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord: * he is their helper and defender.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord: * he is their helper and defender.

The Lord hath been mindful of us and he shall bless us: * even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the Lord, * both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more, * you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord * who made heaven and earth.

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All the whole heavens are the Lord's: * the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not thee, O Lord, * neither all they that go down into silence.

But we will praise the Lord * from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

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Antiphon upon Magnificat. Behold my hands † and my feet, * that it is I myself, alleluia, alleluia.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
St. Luke 1. 46–55.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: * the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: * all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: * and holy is his Name.

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And his mercy is on them that fear him : ✱ throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : ✱ he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : ✱ and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : ✱ and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : ✱ as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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V. Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

V. ✠ May the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Antiphon of Our Lady.

And here is added the Regina coeli, laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia:
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into

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the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

V. ✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always.

R. Amen.

AT COMPLINE

The Reader shall begin:

V. Bid, Sir, a blessing.

Blessing. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *R.* Amen.

Short Lesson. 1 *St. Peter* 5. 8.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Our Father (*entirely in secret*).

Then the Officiant shall make Confession.

I CONFESS to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed

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John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren (*or* Sisters): that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren (*or* Sisters), to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Choir shall answer:

God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

Then the Choir shall repeat the Confession: and where is said, to you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) and you, Brethren, (*or* Sisters,) *shall be said,* to thee, Father, (*or* Mother,) and thee, Father, (*or* Mother).

Confession having been made by the Choir, the Officiant shall say,

GOD Almighty have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *R.* Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. *R.* Amen.

After the Absolution shall be said,

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour.

R. And let thine anger cease from us.

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R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
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Alleluia.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: * thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor? * and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly: * when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not: * commune with your own heart and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, * and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, * Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up * the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, * since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

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I will lay me down in peace and take my rest : * for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 91. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold : * my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, * and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, † and thou shalt be safe under his feathers, * his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night ; * nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness ; * nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand ; * but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou

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behold * and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; * thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, * that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: * I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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COMPLINE

Psalm 134. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord, * all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, * even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, * and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth * give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc dimittis. St. Luke 2. 29-32.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: * according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen * thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared * before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles; * and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, † is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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After which is said the

Antiphon. This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy Angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace: and let thy blessing be always upon us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R.* Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Blessing. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and keep us. *R.* Amen.

And without adding May the souls *the proper* Antiphon of Our Lady *is said immediately.*

Regina coeli, laetare.

JOY to thee, O queen of heaven, alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,

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As he promised hath arisen, alleluia : Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the Resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to bring gladness into the world ; Grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

At the end of which is said the

V. ✠ May the divine assistance remain with us always.

R. Amen.

The Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* I believe *are said secretly.*

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Ant. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

Against Anger.

Domine, ne in furore (*Ps.* 6).

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine indignation : neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt Thou punish me?

4 Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me, for Thy mercy's sake.

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5 For in death no man remembereth Thee : and who will give Thee thanks in the pit ?

6 I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Against Pride.

Beati, quorum (Ps. 32).

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

4 For Thy hand is heavy upon me

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day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

5 I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be found : but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in, Thou shalt preserve me from trouble : Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

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Against Gluttony.

Domine, ne in furore (Ps. 38).

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in Thine anger : neither chasten me in Thy heavy displeasure.

2 For Thine arrows stick fast in me : and Thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy displeasure : neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head : and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt : through my foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery : that I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease : and there is no whole part in my body.

8 I am feeble, and sore smitten : I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, Thou knowest all my desire : and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that

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went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I, truly, am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty : and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me : because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God : be not Thou far from me.

22 Haste Thee to help me : O Lord God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

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Against Lust.

Miserere mei, Deus (Ps. 51).

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight : that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn Thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of Thy

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help again : and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.

16 For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Against Covetousness.

Domine, exaudi (Ps. 102).

HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto Thee.

2 Hide not Thy face from me in the

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time of my trouble : incline Thine ear unto me when I call ; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke : and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass : so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning : my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness : and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow : that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled my drink with weeping ;

10 And that because of Thine indignation and wrath : for Thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered like grass.

12 But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever : and Thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that Thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

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14 And why? Thy servants think upon her stones : and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15 The heathen shall fear Thy Name, O Lord : and all the Kings of the earth Thy Majesty;

16 When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when His glory shall appear;

17 When He turneth Him unto the prayer of the poor destitute : and despiseth not their desire.

18 This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

19 For He hath looked down from His sanctuary : out of the Heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20 That He might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto death;

21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion : and His worship at Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together : and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey : and shortened my days.

24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for Thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

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25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

27 And as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed : but Thou art the Same, and Thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of Thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in Thy sight.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Against Envy.

De profundis (Ps. 130).

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

3 If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him : in His word is my trust.

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6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

8 And He shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Against Sloth.

Domine, exaudi (Ps. 143).

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with Thy servant : for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all Thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.

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6 I stretch forth my hands unto Thee : my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O let me hear Thy lovingkindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust : shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God : let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake : and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of Thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul ; for I am Thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Ant. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our Forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

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THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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THE VIA CRUCIS, OR WAY OF THE CROSS

THE origin of the Devotion of the Stations can be traced back to the earliest days of Christianity. Who can doubt that after the Ascension of her Divine Son, the Blessed Virgin would often visit the places consecrated by His presence, and especially the Via Crucis from Jerusalem to Calvary; and that the early Christians venerated the places which were the scenes of their beloved Master's sufferings and death.

S. Jerome relates that early in the fourth century pilgrims came from far to visit the sacred ground, and history has told us how S. Helena discovered the true Cross A.D. 325. Since then the stream of pilgrims has been continuous.

On the conquest of Palestine by the Mahomedans, in consequence of the difficulties of visiting the Way of the Cross, the Church authorized the Devotion of the Stations, in order that Christians throughout the world might be encouraged to commemorate in their churches or homes the last sad scenes of our Blessed Lord's life, Who suffered 'for us men and for our salvation'.

It is customary for Catholics to say the Stations in church privately, using the prescribed prayers, on Wednesdays and Fridays, especially during Lent.

The following is the usual Devotion.

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PRAYER IN PREPARATION

O JESUS, my adorable Saviour, behold me prostrate at Thy feet, imploring Thy mercy. Vouchsafe to apply to my soul the infinite merits of Thy Passion, on which I am now about to meditate. Grant that while I follow Thee along this Way of Sorrows, my heart may be so touched with true contrition, that I may be willing to accept cheerfully for Thy sake all the sufferings and humiliations of this my pilgrimage on earth. Amen.

V. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

HYMN

Stabat Mater Dolorosa.

By the Cross sad vigil keeping,
Stood the Mother doleful weeping,
  Where her Son extended hung;
For her soul, of joy bereavèd,
Bowed with anguish, deeply grievèd,
  Lo! the piercing sword hath wrung.

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FIRST STATION

Jesus condemned to death.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

JESUS, after leaving the house of Caiaphas, where He had been blasphemed, and the palace of Herod, where He had been mocked, is dragged before Pilate; His back is torn with scourges, His Head is crowned with thorns, and He Who on the last day will judge the living and the dead, is condemned to a shameful death.

PRAYER

O INNOCENT Jesus, Who with wonderful submission wast for our sakes condemned to die; Grant that we may bear in mind that our sins were the false-witnesses; our blasphemies, backbitings, and evil speakings were the cause of Thy accepting with gladness the sentence of the impious judge. O may this thought touch our hearts and make us hate those sins which caused Thy death. *Amen.*

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ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

OUR Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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O how sad and sore distressèd,
Now was she, that Mother blessèd
  Of the Sole-Begotten One!
Woe-begone, with heart's prostration,
Mother meek, the bitter passion
  Saw she of her Glorious Son.

SECOND STATION

Jesus receives His Cross.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

A HEAVY cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness, nay with a secret joy, for it is the instrument with which He will redeem the world.

PRAYER

O BLESSED Jesus, grant us by virtue of Thy Cross and bitter Passion, cheerfully to submit to and willingly to embrace all the trials and difficulties of this our earthly pilgrimage, and may we be always ready to take up our cross daily and follow Thee. *Amen.*

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ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Who, on Christ's fond Mother looking,
Such extreme affliction brooking,
Born of women, would not weep?
Who, on Christ's fond Mother thinking,
With her Son in sorrow sinking,
Would not share her sorrows deep?

THIRD STATION

Jesus falls under the weight of the Cross.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

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MEDITATION

JESUS, bowed down under the weight of the Cross, slowly sets forth on the way to Calvary, amidst the mockings and insults of the crowd. His Agony in the Garden has exhausted his Body: He is sore with blows and wounds, His strength fails Him, He falls to the ground under the weight of the Cross.

PRAYER

O JESUS, Who for our sins didst bear the heavy burden of the Cross, and didst fall under its weight, may the thought of Thy sufferings make us watchful against temptation, and do Thou stretch out Thy sacred hand to help us lest we fall into any grievous sin. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart: may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.

R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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For His people's sins rejected,
She her Jesus unprotected,
Saw with thorns, with scourges rent;
Saw her Son from judgment taken,
Her Belov'd in death forsaken,
Till His Spirit forth He sent.

FOURTH STATION

Jesus meets His afflicted Mother.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

JESUS, oppressed by the weight of the Cross, meets Mary, His sorrowful Mother. She is stricken with grief, and her tender heart is full of anguish and pain.

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus! help me to realize that I am the cause of all Thy great and manifold pains. Grant unto me penitence, that I may bewail my sins, and grace truly to amend my life. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole

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heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Jesu, may her deep devotion
Stir in me the same emotion,
Fount of love, Redeemer kind;
That my heart fresh ardour gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
May with Thee acceptance find.

FIFTH STATION

The Cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

THE strength of Jesus fails Him, and He is unable to proceed; the executioners seize, and compel Simon of Cyrene to bear His Cross.

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PRAYER

O JESUS! I thank Thee, that Thou hast permitted me to suffer with Thee; may it be my privilege to bear my cross, may I glory in nothing else; by it may the world be crucified unto me, and I unto the world; may I never shrink from suffering, but rather rejoice, if I be counted worthy to suffer for Thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Those five wounds of Jesus smitten,
Mother! in my heart be written,
Deep as in thine own they be;
Thou, my Saviour's Cross who bearest,
Thou, thy Son's rebuke who sharest,
Let me share them both with thee.

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SIXTH STATION

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

VERONICA, impelled by devotion and compassion, presents her veil to Jesus to wipe His disfigured face. And Jesus imprints on it His holy countenance: a great recompense for so small a service. What return do you make to your Saviour for his great and manifold benefits?

PRAYER

MOST merciful Jesus! Thou hast blessed me. What return shall I make for all the benefits Thou hast bestowed upon me? Behold, I consecrate myself entirely to Thy service. I offer and consecrate to Thee my heart: imprint on it Thy sacred image, that it may never again be effaced by sin. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole

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heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

In the passion of my Maker
Be my sinful soul partaker,
Weep till death, and weep with Thee;
Mine with Thee be that sad station,
There to watch the great Salvation,
Wrought upon the atoning Tree.

SEVENTH STATION

Jesus falls the second time.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

THE suffering Jesus, under the weight of His Cross, again falls to the ground; but the cruel executioners do not permit Him to rest a moment. Pushing and striking Him, they urge Him onward. It is the frequent

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repetition of our sins which oppress Jesus. Witnessing this, how can I continue to sin?

PRAYER

O JESUS, Son of David! Who art the helper of all those who in faith cry unto Thee; Have mercy on me, stretch out Thy right hand to help and defend me that I may not again fall into my former sins. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Virgin, thou of virgins fairest,
May the bitter woe thou bearest
Make on me impression deep;
Thus Christ's dying may I carry,
With Him in His passion tarry,
And His Wounds in memory keep.

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EIGHTH STATION

Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

SOME holy women in the crowd were so touched with sympathy at the sight of the sufferings of Jesus, that they openly bewailed and lamented Him.

Jesus, knowing the things that were to come to pass upon Jerusalem, because of their rejection of Him, turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.'

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus, we mourn and will mourn both for Thee and for ourselves; for Thy sufferings, and for our sins which caused them. O teach us so to mourn, that we may be comforted, and escape those dreadful judgments prepared for all those who reject or neglect Thee. *Amen.*

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ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

May His Wounds transfix me wholly,
May His Cross and Life-Blood holy
Ebriate my heart and mind;
Thus inflamed with pure affection,
In the Virgin's Son protection
May I at the judgment find.

NINTH STATION

Jesus falls the third time.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

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THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MEDITATION

JESUS, arriving exhausted at the foot of Calvary, falls for the third time to the ground. His love for us, however, is not diminished, not extinguished. How great was the burden of our sins, to cause Jesus to fall so often! Had He, however, not taken them upon Himself, they would have plunged us into the abyss of hell.

PRAYER

MOST merciful Jesus! I return Thee infinite thanks for not permitting me to continue in sin and to fall, as I have so often deserved, into the depths of hell. Enkindle in me an earnest desire of amendment; and vouchsafe me the grace to persevere in penitence to the end of my life. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
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Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

May the Cross of Christ direct me,
May His mighty Death protect me,
May He nourish me with grace ;
To my parting soul be given
Entrance at the gate of Heaven,
And in Paradise a place.

TENTH STATION

Jesus is stripped of His garments.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

JESUS having arrived at last at the place of sacrifice, His murderers prepare to crucify Him. His garments are torn from His bleeding body, and He the Holy of Holies stands exposed to the vulgar gaze of the rude and scoffing multitude.

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus! Thou didst suffer shame for our most shameful deeds. Take from us, we beseech Thee, all false shame, conceit, and pride, and make us so to humble our-

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selves in this life, that we may escape everlasting shame in the life to come. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

By the Cross sad vigil keeping,
Stood the Mother doleful weeping,
Where her Son extended hung;
For her soul, of joy bereavèd,
Bowed with anguish, deeply grievèd,
Lo! the piercing sword hath wrung.

ELEVENTH STATION

Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

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THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MEDITATION

THE Cross is laid upon the ground, and Jesus is stretched upon His bed of death. At one and the same time He offers His bruised limbs to His heavenly Father, on behalf of sinful man, and to His fierce executioners to be nailed by them to the tree of shame. The blows are struck; the Blood gushes forth.

PRAYER

O JESUS, crucified for me! subdue my heart with Thy holy fear and love, and since my sins were the cruel nails that pierced Thee, grant that in sorrow for my past life I may pierce and nail to Thy Cross all that offends Thee. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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O how sad and sore distressèd,
Now was she, that Mother blessèd
  Of the Sole-Begotten One!
Woe-begone, with heart's prostration,
Mother meek, the bitter passion
  Saw she of her glorious Son.

TWELFTH STATION

Jesus dies upon the Cross.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

JESUS has hung from the third until the ninth hour upon the Cross; the weight of His Body is borne by His piercèd Hands. His Blood has run in streams down His Body, and bedewed the ground: in the midst of excruciating sufferings He has pardoned His murderers, promised the bliss of Paradise to the penitent thief, and committed His blessed Mother and beloved disciple to each other's care.

All is now finished, and meekly bowing down His Head, He gives up the ghost.

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PRAYER

O JESUS! we devoutly embrace that honoured Cross, where Thou didst love us even unto death. In Thy Death is all our hope. Henceforth let us live only unto Thee, so that whether we live or die we may be Thine. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against Thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Who, on Christ's fond Mother looking,
Such extreme affliction brooking,
Born of women, would not weep?
Who, on Christ's fond Mother thinking,
With her Son in sorrow sinking,
Would not share her sorrows deep?

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THIRTEENTH STATION

Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

JOSEPH of Arimathaea goes to Pilate, and begs the Body of Jesus; Pilate commands the Body to be delivered to him; It is anointed and wrapped in linen clothes by Joseph and Nicodemus, and prepared for burial.

PRAYER

O LORD Jesus, grant that we may never refuse to bear that Cross which Thou hast laid upon us: Who willed not to be taken down from the Cross, until Thou hadst accomplished the work which Thou camest to do. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee.

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O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

For His people's sins rejected,
She her Jesus unprotected
Saw with thorns, with scourges rent;
Saw her Son from judgment taken,
Her Belov'd in death forsaken,
Till His Spirit forth He sent.

FOURTEENTH STATION

Jesus is laid in the Sepulchre.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
R. Because by Thy Cross and precious Blood Thou hast redeemed the world.

MEDITATION

THE Body of Jesus is laid by His disciples in the tomb. The tomb is closed, and there the lifeless Body remains until the hour of Its glorious Resurrection.

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PRAYER

O JESUS, most compassionate Lord, we adore Thee dead and enclosed in the Holy Sepulchre. We desire to enclose Thee within our hearts, that, united to Thee, we may rise to newness of life, and by the gift of final perseverance die in Thy grace. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION

O GOD of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of Thee, and am heartily sorry that I have ever sinned against thee. I love Thee with my whole heart; may I never again offend Thee. O may I love Thee without ceasing, and delight in all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Jesu, may her deep devotion
Stir in me the same emotion,
Fount of love, Redeemer kind;
That my heart fresh ardour gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
May with Thee acceptance find.

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PRAYER IN CONCLUSION

Ant. Christ became obedient unto death : even the death of the Cross.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Benediction. May our Lord Jesus Christ, Who for our sake was scourged, made to bear His Cross, and crucified, bless us, and keep us from all sin. *Amen.*

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THE HOLY HOUR

Exercises for an hour's visit to the Blessed Sacrament, which may be made at some convenient time, especially Maundy Thursday night.

THEN cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane. And He saith unto the disciples, *Tarry ye here and watch.*

And He cometh and findeth them asleep, and saith, Could ye not watch with me *one hour?* *S. Matthew* 26.

Pray for the spread of the true Faith; that it may be kept pure and undefiled by all who have received it; that holy lives may be lived through it; that when the Son of Man cometh, he may find it upon earth.

VENI CREATOR

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of Thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Say the Nicene Creed as an Act of Faith.

Pray for Christ's Body, our holy Mother the Church; that her children may love and obey her; 'rising up and calling her blessed'; that she may be defended from foes without and within; that false teachers may be converted and true teachers raised up to do His work; that her banner, the Cross of Christ, may be planted in all lands; that the Kingdom of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

O GOD, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. And we pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray for the Bishops and other Clergy: that the Holy Spirit may 'guide them into all truth'; that they may 'hold fast the Faith once delivered'; that themselves giving the testimony of holy lives, they may bear this Gospel of Holiness to other men; that the spirit of heroic self-devotion may grow in them; that they may become all that God desires them to be.

ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, Who, of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast

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given to us Thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; Who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labour and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of Thy eternal goodness, and for that Thou hast vouchsafed to call these Thy servants here present to the same Office and Ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto Thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee; and we humbly beseech Thee, by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant unto all, which either here or elsewhere call upon Thy holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all Thy other benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of Thee and Thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these Thy Ministers, as by them to whom they shall be appointed to minister, Thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our

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Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Pray for the development of the Religious Life in the American Church; that more men and women may be drawn to it; that those who have already embraced it may be more deeply consecrated; that they may be more fully freed from the world, and more perfect instruments in the hand of God for the building up of his Kingdom.

For all members of your own Parish who have been 'admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion'; that they may walk worthy of their vocation.

ALMIGHTY Father, Who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For all who are unconverted, especially . . . . . ; that they may be won to Christ, who was 'lifted up that He might draw all men unto Himself': that they may be washed in the 'precious Blood which cleanseth from all sin'.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise;

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that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For all who are resisting the truth, that they may see the sin which blinds them; for courage to fashion their lives in accordance with the truth.

For all who are suffering in any way, especially . . . . . ; that accepting the Cross, they may be sanctified by it.

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in Thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father.

BLESSED, praised, and hallowed be Jesus Christ upon His Throne of Glory, and in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

THE ANGELUS

1. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary: and she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit

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of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it unto me according to Thy word.

Hail, Mary, &c.

3. And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary, &c.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by His ✠ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Acts of Adoration before the Most Holy Sacrament.

HAIL, Salvation of the world, Word of the Father, holy Host, true Life, living Flesh, perfect Deity, true Man, Body of our Lord Jesus Christ; Thou Who didst form me from the dust of the earth, have mercy upon me a sinner. Amen.

HAIL, most merciful Jesus, Son of God and of the Virgin Mary, Who didst so love me as to be pleased to die for me, and to give Thyself to me as my support, my sacrifice, and my reward: Be Thou, with the Father and

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the Holy Ghost, blessed by all and above all for ever.

I grieve for all my sins, purely because they have displeased Thee, and I resign myself to Thee, and annihilate myself before Thee. Supply, O merciful Jesus, for all the imperfections of us Thy people, for whom Thou didst deign to die, through the merits of the most blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints, which I offer Thee in union with Thine own most sacred merits, to be represented before the eternal Father. O holy Father, look upon the face of Thy Christ, and grant us the grace to know Thee, to love Thee, and to praise Thee, together with Thy beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All my holy patrons, and thou first, O most blessed Mother of God, praise the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name for ever. Amen.

A EUCHARIST LITANY

O GOD the Son, Redeemer of the world, Who of Thy infinite love didst undertake the work of our redemption; and taking flesh in the most chaste womb of the Virgin Mary, wast made in the likeness of man, and wast found in fashion as a Man; Have mercy upon me,

That I may cherish in my inmost heart the memory both of this Thy boundless love,

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and of Thy most holy Incarnation, whensoever by means of this Sacrament Thou shalt be born, as it were, in my soul.

Jesu, most worthy of all love, Who hast said, Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest; Have mercy upon me,

That I may be delivered from the weight of my sins, which are like a sore burden upon me, too heavy for me to bear; and with this heavenly Food do Thou refresh my weary and fainting spirit.

Jesus, most gracious, Who hast planted the Tree of Life in the midst of the Garden, that is, of Thy Church, as a remedy for all the diseases of the soul, and even its very death; Have mercy upon me,

That I may there gather the fruit of life and immortality, and that by it my youth may be renewed as the eagle's.

Jesu, most tender, Who, when Thou wast about to depart out of this world unto the Father, didst leave us a lasting monument of Thy great love, and in this Sacrament didst appoint a memorial of Thy wondrous works, commanding us to do this in remembrance of Thee; Have mercy upon me,

That I may be always most mindful of Thee, and may constantly adore Thine Almighty Power, Wisdom, and Goodness shining forth here; and may never forget all Thy benefits.

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Jesu, Priest for ever, Who didst offer Thyself as a Victim upon the Altar of the Cross; Good Shepherd, Who didst lay down Thy life for Thy sheep, and dost feed them with Thy very Body and Blood; Have mercy upon me,

And whereas I have gone astray as a sheep that is lost, seek out Thy servant, and bear me on Thy shoulders back to Thy fold, and feed me in that green pasture wherein Thou hast placed me.

O LORD, support us through the long day of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then of Thy great mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Whose most dear Son went not on His way with joy, but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified; Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of Life and Peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and

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prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

BLESS, O Lord, this Parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to all the Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from them all pride, vanity, and self-conceit, and give them true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten their minds, subdue their wills, purify their hearts, and so penetrate them with Thy Spirit and fill them with Thy love, that they may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy everliving Word so dwell within their hearts, that they may speak with that resistless energy of love, which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that they may be ready to give and gladly distribute to the needy. Bless the founders and benefactors of this Parish, and recompense them with

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the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus's sake. *Amen.*

The Collect.

O GOD, Who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having His wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto Thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer to S. Paul.

HOLY and glorious soldier of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast fought the good fight, finished the course, and received the crown of victory, look down upon us and obtain for us, through thy intercession, grace to imitate thy virtues among the many dangers that beset us in our calling, and, under the banner of the Cross, to reach in due time the kingdom of eternal glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Te Deum laudamus.

WE praise Thee, O God : we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee : the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

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To Thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man : Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants : whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

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Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify Thee ;

And we worship Thy Name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

When the Te Deum *is solemnly sung all genuflect at the words,* 'We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants : Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.'

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy

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mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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O GOD, Whose days are without end, and Whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech Thee, to comprehend the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: that, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of our life, and God of our salvation,
Star of our night, and hope of every nation,
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.

See round Thine Ark the hungry billows curling!
See how Thy foes their banners are unfurling!
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
Thou canst preserve us.

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THE HOLY HOUR

Lord, Thou canst help when earthly
armour faileth;
Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin
assaileth;
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor
hell prevaileth:
Grant us Thy peace, Lord!

Peace, in our hearts, our evil thoughts
assuaging,
Peace, in Thy Church, where brothers
are engaging,
Peace, when the world its busy war is
waging;
Calm Thy foes' raging!

Grant us Thy help till backward they
are driven;
Grant them Thy truth, that they may
be forgiven;
Grant peace on earth, and after we
have striven,
Peace in Thy heaven.

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OF
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HYMNS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

12 M.—3 P.M.

Hymn 105, 'O come and mourn with me awhile' (S. Cross).

Litany of the Passion.

Before the Introduction Hymn 593, 'There is a Fountain filled with Blood' (Horsley).

Before the First Word Hymn 97, 'See the Destined Day Arise' (Redhead).

Before the Second Word Hymn 336, 'Rock of Ages' (Toplady).

In the middle of the Second Word Hymn 345, 'My Faith looks up to Thee' (Olivet).

At the end of the Second Word, before the prayers, Hymn 441, 'My God how wonderful Thou art.'

Before the Third Word Hymn 104, 'Sweet the moments, rich in blessing' (S. Sylvester).

At the end of the Third Word Hymn 103, 'At the Cross her station keeping' (Capetown).

Before the Fourth Word Hymn 348, 'When our heads are bowed with woe' (Redhead).

Before the Fifth Word Hymn 101, 'When I survey the wondrous Cross' (Rockingham).

Before the Sixth Word Hymn 344, 'Nearer my God to Thee' (Bethany).

Psalm 102.

Hymn ''Tis Finished' (Hamburg).

Before the Seventh Word Hymn 102, 'O Sacred head surrounded' (S. Christopher).

At the end Hymn 362, 'Glory be to Jesus' (Tune Yerbury).

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COMMEMORATION
OF THE
THREE HOURS' AGONY

HYMN 105
(S. Cross)

O COME and mourn with me awhile,
And tarry here the cross beside;
Oh come, together let us mourn;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him,
While soldiers scoff and Jews deride?
Ah! look how patiently He hangs;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Seven times He spake, seven words of love;
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
For Thou, our Lord, art crucified!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on

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earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

O MOST loving Father, in atonement and satisfaction for all my sins, I offer Thee the whole Passion of Thy most beloved Son, from the first cry which He uttered when laid upon straw in the manger, through all the helplessness of His infancy, the privations of His boyhood, the adversities of His youth, the sufferings of His manhood, until that hour when He bowed His head upon the Cross with a loud cry, and gave up the ghost. And, in atonement and satisfaction for all my negligences, I offer Thee, O most loving Father, all the most holy Life of Thy Son, perfect in its every thought, and word, and action, from the hour when He came down from His lofty throne to the Virgin's womb, and thence came forth into our dreary wilderness, to the hour when He returned to Thee, O

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heavenly Father, in the glory of His conquering flesh. Amen.

THE contemplation of the sufferings of our Saviour to which we are incited by devotion to the most Precious Blood, reminds us, His followers, that we are called upon to walk in the footprints of our suffering Saviour, if we desire to be crowned with Him. As S. Bernard puts it, the members of a thorn-crowned Head must not shrink from sharing in His pain. And so from the foundation of Christ's Church the true children of a crucified Saviour have ever had to share in the bitterness of His anguish and ofttimes in the agony of His death. For three hundred years after Christ had ascended into heaven, countless martyrs shed their blood in witness of their faith and love. Less fortunate than those glorious confessors, cheerfully pouring out their life's blood for Christ, we in our weakness are, by God's mercy, saved from sufferings under which we might have succumbed. But still for us, as for them, sufferings, patiently borne, must be the golden key to open the gates of His kingdom. The saying is as true to-day as when Jesus first uttered it:. 'He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.' There is no one that is released from treading in that path of tears that leads to Him.

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LITANY OF THE PASSION

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, the Eternal Wisdom,
Jesus, sold for thirty pieces of silver,
Jesus, prostrate on the ground in prayer,
Jesus, strengthened by an angel,
Jesus, in Thine agony bathed in a bloody sweat,
Jesus, betrayed by Judas with a kiss,
Jesus, bound by the soldiers,
Jesus, forsaken by Thy disciples,
Jesus, brought before Annas and Caiaphas,
Jesus, struck in the face by a servant,
Jesus, accused by false witnesses,
Jesus, declared guilty of death,
Jesus, spat upon,
Jesus, blindfolded,
Jesus, smitten on the cheek,
Jesus, thrice denied by Peter,
Jesus, delivered to Pilate,

Have mercy upon us.

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Jesus, despised and mocked by Herod,
Jesus, clothed in a white garment,
Jesus, rejected for Barabbas,
Jesus, torn with scourges,
Jesus, bruised for our sins,
Jesus, esteemed a leper,
Jesus, covered with a purple robe,
Jesus, crowned with thorns,
Jesus, struck with a reed upon the head,
Jesus, demanded for crucifixion by the Jews,
Jesus, condemned to an ignominious death,
Jesus, given up to the will of Thine enemies,
Jesus, loaded with the heavy weight of the cross,
Jesus, led like a sheep to the slaughter,
Jesus, stripped of Thy garments,
Jesus, fastened with nails to the cross,
Jesus, reviled by the malefactors,
Jesus, promising paradise to the penitent thief,
Jesus, commending S. John to Thy Mother as her son,
Jesus, declaring Thyself forsaken by Thy Father,
Jesus, in Thy thirst given gall and vinegar to drink,
Jesus, testifying that all things

Have mercy upon us.

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written concerning Thee were accomplished,
Jesus, commending Thy spirit into the hands of Thy Father,
Jesus, obedient even to the death of the Cross,
Jesus, pierced with a lance,
Jesus, made a propitiation for us,
Jesus, taken down from the Cross,
Jesus, laid in the sepulchre,
Jesus, rising gloriously from the dead,
Jesus, ascending into heaven,
Jesus, our Advocate with the Father,
Jesus, sending down on Thy disciples the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,
Jesus, exalting Thy Mother above the choirs of angels,
Jesus, Who shalt come to judge the living and the dead.
Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful, Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Lord.

From all evil,
From all sin,
From anger, hatred, and every evil will,
From war, famine, and pestilence,
From all dangers of mind and body,
From everlasting death,
Through Thy most pure conception,
Through Thy miraculous nativity,
Lord Jesus, deliver us.

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Through Thy humble circumcision,
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting,
Through Thy labours and watchings,
Through Thy cruel scourging and crowning,
Through Thy thirst, and tears, and nakedness,
Through Thy precious death and cross,
Through Thy sending forth the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.
In the day of judgment,
We sinners beseech Thee, hear us.

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

That Thou wouldst spare us,
That Thou wouldst pardon us,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe mercifully to pour into our hearts the grace of the Holy Spirit,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to defend and propagate Thy holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve and increase all societies assembled in thy Holy Name,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bestow upon us true peace,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give us perseverance in grace and in Thy holy service,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

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That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to deliver us, from unclean thoughts, the temptations of the devil, and everlasting damnation,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to unite us to the company of Thy saints,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and praise Thee:

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the

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Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 593

THERE is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins:
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, as vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Dear, dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save,
When this poor, lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

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GOOD FRIDAY

'Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.'

INTRODUCTION

HYMN 97

SEE the destined day arise!
See, a willing sacrifice;
Jesus, to redeem our loss,
Hangs upon the shameful cross!

Jesu, who but Thou had borne,
Lifted on that tree of scorn,
Every pang and bitter throe,
Finishing Thy life of woe?

Who but Thou had dared to drain,
Steeped in gall, the cup of pain;
And with tender body bear
Thorns, and nails, and piercing spear?

Thence the cleansing water flowed,
Mingled from Thy side with blood;
Sign to all attesting eyes
Of the finished sacrifice.

Holy Jesu, grant us grace
In that sacrifice to place
All our trust for life renewed,
Pardoned sin, and promised good.

THE FIRST WORD

'Father! forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.
R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
Ans. Because by Thy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

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HYMN 530

(Capetown)

JESU, in Thy dying woes,
Even while Thy life-blood flows,
Craving pardon for Thy foes;
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Saviour, for our pardon sue,
When our sins Thy pangs renew,
For we know not what we do;
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Oh may we, who mercy need,
Be like Thee, in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed;
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

I

LET us meditate on our Saviour's Agony of mind, when His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.—*S. Luke xxii.* 24.

SILENCE

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, the Good Shepherd, Who dost feed and purify Thy sheep with Thy own most precious Blood; May this my meditation on Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat move me to sincere repentance for all

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my sins, and may the thought of Thy Passion be for comfort and salvation to me and to all Thy faithful people; this I pray for Thy most tender Mercy's sake. Amen.

O LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O MOST beloved Lord Jesus Christ, Who for love of me didst suffer agonies on the Cross, that Thou mightest by Thy sufferings pay the debt of my sins; and even in that hour of Thy Passion didst pray for my pardon from God's eternal justice, have mercy on all Christians in the hour of death, and on me in my last agony. Through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood, shed for our salvation, give me a true and deep sorrow for my sins, and grant that at the hour of my death I may in peace and confidence breathe out my soul into the bosom of thine infinite mercy. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

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Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

O MY God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins. Amen.

FIRST PENITENTIAL PSALM

Domine, ne in furore (Ps. 6).

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine indignation : neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt Thou punish me?

Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For in death no man remembereth Thee : and who will give Thee thanks in the pit?

I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.

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All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

HYMN 336

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy side, a healing flood,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath, and make me pure.

Should my tears for ever flow,
Should my zeal no languor know,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone;
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

THE SECOND WORD

'To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.'

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HYMN 345

MY faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day;
Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside!

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Saviour, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
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Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Our Father, etc.

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R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us, save and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy Cross and Passion Thou hast redeemed the world.

HYMN 530

(Capetown)

JESU, pitying the sighs
Of the thief who near Thee dies,
Promising him Paradise:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

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GOOD FRIDAY

May we, in our guilt and shame,
Still Thy love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Thy Name:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Oh! remember us who pine,
Looking from our cross to Thine,
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

II

CONSIDER, Christian soul, now you are the object of God's mercy, if by repentance and true faith you turn unto Him; but if you neglect these things you will be the object of His justice and vengeance. Now you may claim the merits of Christ; but if you die in your sins His sufferings will tend to your greater condemnation. O, beloved, consider in this day how fearful a thing it will be to fall into the hands of the living God, when you can neither fly to His mercy to protect you nor to the merits of Christ to cover you in that terrible day.

THE BEATIFIC VISION

LET us contemplate the unspeakable bliss of dwelling for ever in the presence of God.

SILENCE

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THE THREE HOURS' AGONY

O MARY! I beseech thee by the sorrows thou didst experience in beholding thy divine Son dying on the Cross, procure for me a good death; pray for me that, having loved Jesus and thee here on earth, I may reign with Him eternally in heaven. Amen.

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

JESU! by that Godhead which was one with Thee;
Jesu! spare those souls which are so dear to Thee;
Who in prison, calm and patient, wait for Thee;
Hasten, Lord, their hour, and bid them come to Thee,
To that glorious home, where they shall ever gaze on Thee.

O HOLY Jesus, who of Thine infinite goodness, didst accept the conversion of a sinner on the cross; open Thine eye of mercy upon this Thy servant, who desireth pardon and forgiveness, though at my latest hour I turn to Thee. Renew in me whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by my own carnal will and frailness. Consider my contrition; accept my repentance; and forasmuch as I put my full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto me my former sins, but strengthen me with Thy blessed spirit; and when

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Thou art pleased to take me hence, take me unto Thy favour. This I beg through Thy merits, O Lord, my Saviour and my Redeemer. Amen.

O MOST Beloved Lord Jesu Christ, Who for love of me didst suffer agonies on the Cross, and Who with such readiness and loving-kindness didst reward the faith of the penitent thief, when in the midst of Thy humiliation he acknowledged Thee to be the Son of God. O Thou Who hadst mercy on him, and didst promise him to be with Thee in Paradise, have mercy on all Christians at their death, and on me in my last agony. Through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood give me such firm and unwavering faith in Thee that my faith may not be shaken by any suggestion of the devil, and that I may attain to dwell with Thee in Paradise. Amen.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O MY God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins. Amen.

HYMN 441

MY God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful Thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!

How dread are Thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord;
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of Thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!

Oh, how I fear Thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship Thee with trembling hope,
And penitential tears!

Yet I may love Thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as Thou art,
For Thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.

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GOOD FRIDAY

No earthly father loves like Thee,
  No mother, e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as Thou hast done
  With me, Thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward,
  What rapture will it be
Prostrate before Thy throne to lie,
  And gaze and gaze on Thee.

SECOND PENITENTIAL PSALM

Beati, quorum (Ps. 32)

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For Thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be found : but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

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Thou art a place to hide me in, Thou shalt preserve me from trouble : Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

HYMN 104

(S. Sylvester)

SWEET the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend;
Life, and health, and peace possessing,
From the sinner's dying friend.

Here I kneel, in wonder viewing
Mercy poured in streams of blood;
Precious drops, for pardon suing,
Make, and plead my peace with God.

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GOOD FRIDAY

Truly blessed is the station,
  Low before His cross to lie;
While I see divine compassion
  Pleading in His dying eye.

Lord, in loving contemplation
  Fix my heart and eyes on Thee,
Till I taste Thy full salvation
And Thine unveil'd glories see.

THE THIRD WORD

'Woman! Behold Thy Son. Son! Behold Thy Mother.'

'Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene, and the disciple whom he loved.'

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
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O Christ, hear us.
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Our Father, etc.

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R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy Cross and Passion Thou hast redeemed the world.

HYMN 103

AT the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful mother weeping,
Where He hung, the dying Lord;
For her soul of joy bereaved,
Bowed with anguish deeply grieved,
Felt the sharp and piercing sword.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed
Now was she, that mother blessed
Of the sole-begotten One;
Deep the woe of her affliction,
When she saw the crucifixion
Of her ever-glorious Son.

Who, on Christ's dear mother gazing,
Pierced by anguish so amazing,
Born of woman, would not weep?
Who, on Christ's dear mother thinking,
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
Would not share her sorrows deep?

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For His people's sins chastised
She beheld her Son despised,
  Scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined;
Saw Him then from judgment taken,
And in death by all forsaken,
  Till His spirit He resigned.

Jesu, may her deep devotion
Stir in me the same emotion,
  Fount of love, Redeemer kind;
That my heart fresh ardour gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
  May with Thee acceptance find.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

III

MEDITATE on that home of Blessed Mary and S. John to form which Our Lord reserved one of His dying words from the Cross. Meditate upon the failures you make in your own home life. It is intolerable that friends of the Crucified should think it possible to be at peace with God who are not at peace with wife or husband or children or parents.

SILENCE

FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE LAND

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Thou that makest men to be of one mind in a house; we

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beseech Thee in the name of Thy only Begotten Son, Who was subject in Nazareth to the Blessed Virgin Mary and S. Joseph, protect with Thy continual care the homes in which Thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech Thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain-glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers; and so kindle charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly-affectioned with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAITHFUL saint, who wast admitted to take part in man's redemption, glorious S. John, whom Jesus loved. By this thy sorrow and thy joy, obtain for us that, freed in life from the vile yoke of sin, we too may die with joy, with the sweet name of Jesus in our hearts and on our lips. Amen.

O MARY, mystical rose, whose loving heart, burning with the living fire of charity, did accept us for thy sons at the foot of the Cross, becoming thus our tender Mother; Make me feel the sweetness of thy

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maternal heart and thy power with Jesus, that, when menaced by the perils of this mortal life, and most of all in the dread hour of death, my heart, united with thine, may love my Jesus then and through all ages. Amen.

Our Father.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Domine, ne in furore (Ps. 38)

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in Thine anger : neither chasten me in Thy heavy displeasure.

For Thine arrows stick fast in me : and Thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy displeasure : neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head : and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

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My wounds stink, and are corrupt : through my foolishness.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery : that I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a sore disease : and there is no whole part in my body.

I am feeble, and sore smitten : I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

Lord, Thou knowest all my desire : and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me :

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for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

And I, truly, am set in the plague: and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

For I will confess my wickedness: and be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies live, and are mighty: and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

They also that reward evil for good are against me: because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: be not Thou far from me.

Haste Thee to help me: O Lord God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

HYMN 348

(Redhead)

WHEN our heads are bowed with woe,
When our bitter tears o'erflow,
When we mourn the lost, the dear,
Jesu, Son of Mary, hear!

Thou our throbbing flesh hast worn,
Thou our mortal griefs hast borne,
Thou hast shed the human tear;
Jesu, Son of Mary, hear!

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THE THREE HOURS' AGONY

When the solemn death-bell tolls
For our own departing souls,
When our final doom is near,
Jesu, Son of Mary, hear!

Thou hast bowed the dying head,
Thou the blood of life hast shed,
Thou hast filled a mortal bier;
Jesu, Son of Mary, hear!

When the heart is sad within
With the thought of all its sin,
When the spirit shrinks with fear,
Jesu, Son of Mary, hear!

Thou the shame, the grief, hast known,
Though the sins were not Thine own,
Thou hast deigned their load to bear;
Jesu, Son of Mary, hear!

THE FOURTH WORD

'My God! My God! Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?'

'*Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.*'

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

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O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.
R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.
We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
Because by Thy Cross and Passion Thou hast redeemed the world.

HYMN 530

JESU, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heaven is shown:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

When we vainly seek to pray,
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

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Though no Father seems to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
Tell our faith that God is near:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

IV

ARE you alone labouring in the great city? So is He Who is hidden in the Tabernacle. Do you plead day and night for souls? So does Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Have you left your home and the beautiful country to labour for souls in the gloom and the fog of the city? Jesus left heaven. Do your sacrifices seem of no avail, your labours fruitless? Do your appeals fall on deaf ears and stony hearts? Since He shed His last drop of blood on Calvary, our Divine Lord has pleaded with and for souls, and yet hearts refuse to heed His voice, and souls are lost because they will not heed, but still He pleads and waits. Do friends pass you by and forget you? Thousands daily pass by the church with never a thought that God is there; why, then, should you complain? Courage! Take your crucifix in your hand, kneel before the Tabernacle, and learn that you are not

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alone in your labours or your prayers, in your sufferings or your tears.

SILENCE

BE Thou present with me, O Lord, in every time and place. Let this be my consolation, to be cheerfully willing to do without all human comfort. And, if Thy consolation be wanting, let Thy will and just trial of me be unto me as the greatest comfort. Amen.

O DIVINE Jesus, alone in so many tabernacles, without a visitor or a worshipper, I offer Thee my lowly heart. May every beating be a prayer of love to Thee. In Thy love Thou art ever watching under the sacramental veils. Thou never sleepest, and Thou art never weary of Thy vigil for sinners. O loving Jesus, O lonely Jesus, may my heart be a lamp, the light of which shall burn and beam for Thee alone in time and in eternity.

May Thy will be done in me. Keep me in Thy love; grant me the grace of perseverance.

Lord, into Thy hands I commend my spirit. Jesus, my God and my All!

O Jesus, Thou invitest me to contemplate the immense agony of Thy Sacred Heart and its boundless love for sinners! Thou commandest me to watch and pray with Thee. I desire to do so, and I beseech Thee, Who

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knowest the depths of my misery, to support my weakness and animate my fervour, lest, like the Apostles, I may leave Thee to watch alone in Thy desolation. Amen.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O MY God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins. Amen.

FOURTH PENITENTIAL PSALM

Miserere mei, Deus (Ps. 51)

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

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Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again : and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my

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health : and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

HYMN 101

(Rockingham)

WHEN I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the Cross of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His Blood.

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See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
  Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet?
  Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
  That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
  Demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE FIFTH WORD

'I thirst.'

'*My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee; in a barren and dry land where no water is.*'

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
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Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Our Father, etc.

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R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

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We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy Cross and Passion Thou hast redeemed the world.

HYMN 530

(Capetown)

JESUS, in Thy thirst and pain,
While Thy wounds Thy life-blood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Thirst for us in mercy still,
All Thy holy work fulfil,
Satisfy Thy loving will:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

May we thirst Thy love to know:
Lead us in our sin and woe,
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

V

CONSIDER that human beings dying from thirst often go mad and that unrequited human love sometimes unhinges human reason. The thirst of Jesus was more than the torture of human thirst. It was the

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consuming desire of God for the love of His creatures. Meditate therefore upon the agony you cause God in not returning His Divine love for you.

SILENCE

O ALMIGHTY God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST beloved Lord Jesus Christ, Who for love of me didst suffer agonies on the cross, and Who, to all Thy shame and all Thy sufferings, wouldest if needful, willingly have added yet more, so that all men might be saved; since all the torments of Thy passion did not allay the thirst of Thy tender heart, have pity on all

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Christians at their death, and on me in my last agony. Through the merits of Thy most Precious Blood enkindle in my heart such a fire of Thy love that I may thirst for Thy glory here, and with earnest longings desire to be united to Thee hereafter throughout the ages of eternity. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

V. Glory be to the Father.

R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O MY God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins. Amen.

HYMN 344

NEARER, my God to Thee,
Nearer to Thee,
E'en though it be a cross,
That raiseth me:
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Though like a wanderer,
Weary and lone,
Darkness comes over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

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GOOD FRIDAY

There let my way appear
Steps unto heaven:
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Altars I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Or if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

FIFTH PENITENTIAL PSALM

Domine, exaudi (Ps. 102)

HEAR my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto Thee.

Hide not Thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline Thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

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My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass : so that I forget to eat my bread.

For the voice of my groaning : my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

I am become like a pelican in the wilderness : and like an owl that is in the desert.

I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow : that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled my drink with weeping;

And that because of Thine indignation and wrath : for Thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered like grass.

But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever : and Thy remembrance throughout all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that Thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

And why? Thy servants think upon her stones : it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

The heathen shall fear Thy Name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth Thy majesty;

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When the Lord shall build up Sion: and when His glory shall appear;

When He turneth Him unto the prayer of the poor destitute: and despiseth not their desire.

This shall be written for those that come after: and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

For He hath looked down from His sanctuary: out of the Heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

That He might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity: and deliver the children appointed unto death;

That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion: and His worship at Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together: and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

He brought down my strength in my journey: and shortened my days.

But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age: as for Thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

And as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed: but

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Thou art the Same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in Thy sight.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

HYMN

(Federal Street)

'TIS finished : so the Saviour cried,
And meekly bow'd his head and died.

'Tis finished : yes, the work is done,
The battle fought, the victory won.

'Tis finished : all that heaven decreed,
And all the ancient prophets said,
Is now fulfill'd, as long designed,
In me, the Saviour of mankind.

'Tis finished : Aaron now no more
Must stain his robes with purple gore :
The sacred veil is rent in twain,
And Jewish rites no more remain.

'Tis finished : this My dying groan
Shall sins of every kind atone :
Millions shall be redeem'd from death
By this, My last expiring breath.

'Tis finished : Heaven is reconciled,
And all the powers of darkness spoiled :
Peace, love, and happiness again
Return and dwell with sinful men.

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'Tis finished : let the joyful sound
Be heard through all the nations round :
'Tis finished : let the echo fly
Through heaven and hell, through earth and sky.

THE SIXTH WORD

'It is Finished.'

'He said, It is finished : and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.'

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world ;
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Our Father, etc.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.
R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

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We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy Cross and Passion Thou hast redeemed the world.

HYMN 530

(Capetown)

JESU, all our ransom paid,
All Thy Father's will obeyed,
Be Thy sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Save us in our soul's distress,
Be our help to cheer and bless,
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Brighten all our heavenward way,
With an ever holier ray,
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

VI

MEDITATE on the completion of our Lord's work. How He completed everything that He set out to do.

How many things have I left unfinished? Sins of Omission?

SILENCE

O LORD, support us through the long day of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the

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busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then of Thy great mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, Who art as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, Who beholdest Thy weak creatures weary of labour, weary of pleasure, weary of hope deferred, weary of self; in Thine abundant compassion, and unutterable tenderness bring us, we pray Thee, unto Thy rest. Amen.

O GOD, Whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: that, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

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V. Glory be to the Father.
R. As it was in the beginning.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O MY God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins. Amen.

SIXTH PENITENTIAL PSALM

De profundis (Ps. 130)

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him: in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

HYMN 102

O SACRED Head surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er Thee,
The glow of life decays,
Yet angel-hosts adore Thee,
And tremble as they gaze.

I see Thy strength and vigour,
All fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigour,
Bereaving Thee of life;
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesu, all grace supplying,
Oh, turn Thy face on me.

In this, Thy bitter Passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me,
With Thy most sweet compassion,
Unworthy though I be;
Beneath Thy Cross abiding
For ever would I rest,
In Thy dear love confiding,
And with Thy presence blest.

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Be near when I am dying;
  Oh, show Thy cross to me:
And to my succour flying,
  Come, Lord, and set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
  From Jesus shall not move;
For he, who dies believing,
  Dies safely through Thy love.

THE SEVENTH WORD

'Father, into Thy Hands I commend My Spirit.'

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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GOOD FRIDAY

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Because by Thy Cross and Passion Thou hast redeemed the world.

HYMN 530

(Capetown)

JESU, all Thy labour vast,
All Thy woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Thy soul at last:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

When the death-shades round us lower,
Guard us from the tempter's power,
Keep us in that trial hour:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

VII

MEDITATE on the four last things: 1. The certainty of death. 2. The terrors of the day of judgment. 3. The joys of heaven. 4. The pains of hell; and the eternity of both.

Think upon all thy friends who are gone before thee: and pray that God would grant to thee to meet them in a joyful resurrection.

SILENCE

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O ALMIGHTY God, Whose Only-Begotten Son, by His Life, Death, and Resurrection, hath purchased for us the gifts of everlasting life: Grant, we beseech Thee, that through devout meditation on these mysteries of His sorrows, we may imitate what they teach, and receive what they promise; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD Jesus, Who didst veil the greatness of Thy Divinity by being born on earth, and didst humble Thyself in Thy Humanity, grant that we may acknowledge Infinite Wisdom in childlike simplicity, Power in weakness, Majesty in abasement, so that, adoring Thy humiliation on earth, we may contemplate Thy glories in Heaven, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God for ever and ever. Amen.

I PRAY Thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, by the bitterness of Thy Passion, which Thou didst suffer at the hour of Thy death, and then above all when Thy most holy Soul passed forth from Thy blessed Body; pity my soul when it is departing out of my body, and bring it to everlasting life. Amen.

GRANT unto us, Almighty God, of Thy good Spirit, that quiet heart, and that patient lowliness to which Thy comforting Spirit comes;

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that we, being humble toward Thee, and loving toward one another, may have our hearts prepared for that peace of Thine which passeth understanding; which if we have, the storms of life can hurt us but little, and the cares of life vex us not at all; in presence of which death shall lose its sting, and the grave its terror; and we, in calm joy, walk all the days of our appointed time, until our great change shall come. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant unto us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee, and awake up after Thy likeness: through Thy mercy, Who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, Who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses Thine only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in His beauty, Who with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

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O MY God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins. Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, place Thy passion, cross, and death between Thy judgment and my soul, now and at the hour of my death. Vouchsafe to give me grace and mercy, pardon to the living, eternal rest to the dead, peace to Thy Church, and to all sinners everlasting life and glory: Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest One God, world without end. Amen.

HYMN 362

GLORY be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood
From His sacred veins!
Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find,
Blest be His compassion
Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream,
Which from sin and sorrow
Doth the world redeem!

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GOOD FRIDAY

Abel's blood for vengeance
  Pleaded to the skies:
But the blood of Jesus
  For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting
  Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts, rejoicing,
  Make their glad reply.
Lift ye then your voices;
  Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder,
  Praise the precious Blood.

SEVENTH PENITENTIAL PSALM

Domine, exaudi (Ps. 143)

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant : for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all Thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.

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I stretch forth my hands unto Thee : my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust : shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God : let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake : and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of Thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul ; for I am Thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

If there be any time remaining before 3 *p.m. it may be employed in silent meditation and prayer, broken at intervals by singing such hymns as Nos.* 93, 11, *or* 12. *At* 3 *p.m. precisely, the church bell may be tolled thirty-*

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three times. After the last stroke of the bell, let there be a brief silence; then say, all still kneeling:

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By Whom all things were made: Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven; And sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism

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for the remission of sins: and I look for the resurrection of the dead: and the life of the world to come. Amen.

After which the Priest shall rise to say the Collect, *and give the Benediction, as followeth:*

ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech Thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

THE God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through

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Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Remember me, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Laudate Dominum (Ps. 150)

O PRAISE God in His holiness : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet : praise Him upon the lute and harp.

Praise Him in the cymbals and dances : praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath : praise the Lord.

V. He hath laid me in the darkness.
R. As the men that have been long dead.

Antiphon to Ben. They set over His head His accusation written : Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

Benedictus (S. Luke 1)

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel : for He hath visited, and redeemed His people ;

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And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of His servant David ;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets : which have been since the world began.

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us ;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember His holy covenant ;

To perform the oath which He sware to our forefather Abraham : that He would give us ;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve Him without fear ;

In holiness and righteousness before Him : all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways ;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people : for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us ;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Antiphon to Ben. They set over His

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head His accusation written : Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

V. Christ was made obedient unto death for us, even the death of the cross.

Our Father, *in secret.*

Miserere (Ps. 51)

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight : that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean : Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

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Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence : and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again : and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall show Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee : but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee, graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus

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Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, *but* Who now liveth, *shall be said in silence.*

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CIRCLED by His enemies, by His own forsaken,
Christ, the Lord, at Matin hour for our sakes was taken:
Very Wisdom, Very Light, Monarch long expected,
In the garden by the Jews bound, reviled, rejected. Amen.

Prime.

AT the hour of Prime the Lord entered on His Passion,
And blasphemers, standing round, railed in bitter fashion;
There with spitting and with shame, ill for good they render,
Marring of that Face, which gives heaven eternal splendour. Amen.

Terce.

'CRUCIFY Him'—for His love is their bitter payment,
When they lead Him forth at Terce, clad in purple raiment;
He a crown of woven thorns, King of glory, weareth,
And the Cross to Calvary on His shoulders beareth. Amen.

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Sext.

HE upon the Cross at Sext for our sakes was mounted;
By the passers-by reviled, with transgressors counted:
Vinegar and gall they gave to His thirst to slake it,
Which when He had tasted of He refused to take it. Amen.

None.

AT the hour of None the strife, long and sharp, was ended;
Gently to His Father's hands He His soul commended;
And a soldier pierced His Side, whence is our salvation;
And the Water and the Blood healed our condemnation. Amen.

Vespers.

WHEN it came to Vesper time, from the Cross they take Him,
Whose great love to bear such woes for our sakes could make Him.
Such a death He underwent, sin's alone Physician,
That of everlasting life we might have fruition. Amen.

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HOURS OF THE PASSION

Compline.

AT the holy Compline hour holy hands array Him
In the garments of the grave, where our mourners lay Him;
Myrrh and spices have they brought—Scripture is completed—
And by Death the Prince of Life death and hell defeated.

Wherefore these Canonical Hours my tongue shall ever
In Thy Praise, O Christ, recite with my heart's endeavor;
That the Love which, for my sake, bare such tribulation,
In mine own death-agony may be my salvation. Amen.

HYMNS OF THE PASSION

Vexilla Regis.

THE royal banners forward go,
The cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made,
Our sentence bore, our ranson paid.

There whilst He hung, His sacred side
By soldier's spear was opened wide,
To cleanse us in the precious flood
Of water mingled with His blood.

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Fulfilled is now what David told
In true prophetic song of old,
How God the heathen's King should be;
For God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of glory, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,
How bright in purple robe it stood,
The purple of a Saviour's blood!

Upon its arms, like balance true,
He weighed the price for sinners due,
The price which none but He could pay,
And spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
As by the cross Thou dost restore,
So rule and guide us evermore.

Pange Lingua gloriosi lauream certaminis.

Office Hymn, Passion Sunday.

SING my tongue, the glorious battle
Sing the winning of the fray,
And above the Cross, the trophy,
Sound the high triumphal lay;
Tell of how the world's Redeemer
As a Victim won the day.

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Crux Fideles.

Faithful cross! above all other,
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.

God our maker, deeply grieving
That the first-made Adam fell,
When he took the fruit forbidden
Which to taste was death and hell,
Noted then this Tree, the ruin
Of the first tree to dispel.

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Thus the work of our salvation
Needs must fill its ordered plan;
Craft the shifting traitor baffle
As his craft deluded man;
And the medicine of healing
Spring whence first the hurt began.

Faithful cross! above all other,
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.

Therefore when the sacred fulness
Of the appointed time was come,
God the Son, the world's Creator,
Sent from out the Father's home,
Issued forth on earth incarnate,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thec.

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Lo, the Infant weepeth, lying
    Where the narrow manger stands;
While His blessed Virgin Mother
    Wrappeth Him in swaddling bands
Till the tightly girded linen
    Bindeth limbs and feet and hands.

Faithful Cross! above all other,
    One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
    None in fruit thy peer may be.

Thirty years among us dwelling,
    His appointed time fulfilled,
Born for this, He meets His passion,
    For that this He freely willed:
On the cross the Lamb is lifted,
    Where His life-blood shall be spilled.

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
    Sweetest weight is hung on thee;

He endured the nails, the spitting,
    Vinegar, and spear, and reed;
From that holy body broken
    Blood and water forth proceed:
Earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean,
    By that flood from stain are freed.

Faithful cross! above all other,
    One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
    None in fruit thy peer may be.

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Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!
    Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigor,
    That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the king of heavenly beauty
    On thy bosom gently tend!

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
    Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Thou alone wast counted worthy
    This world's ransom to sustain
That a shipwreck'd race for ever
    Might a port of refuge gain,
With the sacred Blood anointed
    Of the Lamb for sinners slain.

Faithful cross; above all other,
    One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
    None in fruit thy peer may be.

Laud and honor to the Father;
    Laud and honor to the Son;
Laud and honor to the Spirit;
    Ever Three, and ever One;
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
    While unending ages run.

Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
    Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

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Stabat Mater dolorosa.

Office Hymn, Passion Week.

BY the Cross sad vigil keeping,
Stood the Mother doleful weeping,
Where her Son extended hung;
For her soul, of joy bereavèd,
Bowed with anguish, deeply grievèd,
Lo! the piercing sword hath wrung.

O how sad and sore distressèd
Now was she, that Mother blessèd
Of the Sole-Begotten One!
Woe-begone, with heart's prostration,
Mother meek, the bitter passion
Saw she of her Glorious Son,

Who, on Christ's fond Mother looking,
Such extreme affliction brooking,
Born of women, would not weep?
Who, on Christ's fond Mother thinking,
With her Son in sorrow sinking,
Would not share her sorrows deep?

For His people's sins rejected,
She her Jesus unprotected,
Saw with thorns, with scourges rent;
Saw her Son from judgment taken,
Her Belov'd in death forsaken,
Till His Spirit forth He sent.

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Jesu, may her deep devotion
Stir in me the same emotion,
    Fount of love, Redeemer kind;
That my heart fresh ardor gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
    May with Thee acceptance find.

Those five wounds of Jesus smitten,
Mother! in my heart be written,
    Deep as in thine own they be;
Thou, my Saviour's Cross who bearest,
Thou, thy Son's rebuke who sharest,
    Let me share them both with thee.

In the passion of my Maker
Be my sinful soul partaker,
    Weep till death, and weep with Thee;
Mine with Thee be that sad station,
There to watch the great Salvation,
    Wrought upon the atoning Tree.

Virgin, thou of virgins fairest,
May the bitter woe thou bearest
    Make on me impression deep;
Thus Christ's dying may I carry,
With Him in His passion tarry,
    And His Wounds in memory keep.

May His Wounds transfix me wholly
May His Cross and Life-Blood holy
    Ebriate my heart and mind;
Thus inflamed with pure affection,
In the Virgin's Son protection,
    May I at the judgment find.

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May the Cross of Christ direct me,
May His mighty Death protect me,
    May He nourish me with grace;
To my parting soul be given
Entrance at the gate of Heaven,
    And in Paradise a place.

Pange Lingua gloriosi Corporis mysterium.

Maundy Thursday, Processional Hymn.

NOW, my tongue, the mystery telling
    Of the glorious Body, sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling,
    Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
In a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
    Shed for this world's ransoming!

Given for us, and condescending
    To be born for us below,
He with men in converse blending,
    Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending
    His most patient life of woe.

That last night, at supper lying,
    Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
    Keeps the Feast its Rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying,
    Gives Himself with His own hand.

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Word-made-Flesh, true bread He maketh
By His word His Flesh to be;
Wine His Blood; which whoso taketh
Must from carnal thoughts be free:
Faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
Shows true hearts the mystery.

Tantum ergo.

THEREFORE we, before Him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer Rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honor, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run:
Ever, too, His love confessing,
Who from Both, with Both is One. Amen.

MASS HYMNS

I

THE Sacrifice of bitter pain
Which on the Cross was made,
Free from all pain and suffering now,
Is on the Altar laid.

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Christ's own true Body and His Blood,
  A Sacrifice Divine,
Are offered here by mortal hand
  'Neath forms of Bread and Wine.

We offer, Lord, this Sacrifice,
  To praise Thee and adore;
To thank Thee for Thy gracious gifts,
  Thy mercy to implore.

We pray for living and for dead,
  For all who worship here.
Grant us, O Lord, for Jesus' sake,
  The grace to persevere.

Before Thy Throne, blest Trinity,
  Our Saviour's death we plead,
That Thou wilt of Thy mercy's sake
  Supply our every need. Amen.

II

SHALL we not love thee, Mother dear,
  Whom Jesus loves so well?
And, to His glory, year by year,
  Thy joy and honour tell?

Bound with the curse of sin and shame
  We helpless sinners lay,
Until in tender love He came
  To bear the curse away.

And thee He chose from whom to take
  True flesh His Flesh to be;
In it to suffer for our sake,
  By it to make us free.

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Thy Babe He lay upon thy breast,
  To thee He cried for food;
Thy gentle nursing soothed to rest
  Th' Incarnate Son of God.

O wondrous depth of grace Divine
  That He should bend so low!
And Mary, oh, what joy 'twas thine
  In His dear love to know;

Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
  And thine the truer bliss,
In ev'ry thought, and deed, and word
  To be for ever His.

And as He loves thee, Mother dear,
  We too will love thee well;
And, to His glory, year by year,
  Thy joy and honour tell.

Jesu, the Virgin's Holy Son,
  We praise Thee and adore,
Who art with God the Father One
  And Spirit evermore. Amen.

III

WE offer gifts of Bread and Wine,
  To Thee, O God, Most High,
And pray Thee that Thy Holy Ghost
  May bless and sanctify,

And make this offered Bread to be
  The Body of the Lord;
The Wine within the Sacred Cup
  To be the Blood adored.

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With humble mind and contrite heart
We come before Thy face;
Let Mary and the Saints on high
Implore for us Thy grace.

So shall Thy Holy Church on earth
With every grace be blest,
And so shall all the faithful dead
Obtain eternal rest. Amen.

IV

CHRIST Jesus is coming
In Love from His Throne,
Christ Jesus is coming
To visit His own.

The Angels attending
Encompass their King,
Who now is descending
His mercy to bring.

Blest be He that cometh
In Name of the Lord,
Our Brother and Ransom,
Our Food and Reward.

Here when Thou art nighest,
We bend on the knee,
And sing in the highest
Hosanna to Thee. Amen.

V

O SAVING Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

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All praise and thanks to Thee ascend,
For evermore, Blest One in Three.
Oh, grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen.

VI

I WORSHIP Thee, Lord Jesu,
As children did of old,
Who sang within Thy temple
Hosannas manifold.

I worship Thee, Lord Jesu,
Who on Thine Altar laid
In this most awful service,
Our Food and Drink art made.

I worship Thee, Lord Jesu,
Who in Thy Love Divine,
Art hiding here Thy Godhead
'Neath forms of Bread and Wine.

I worship Thee, Lord Jesu,
And kneeling unto Thee,
As Thou didst come to Mary,
I pray Thee ✠ come to me.

I worship Thee, Lord Jesu,
My King and Saviour mild,
Thou hast blest other children,
Bless also me Thy child. Amen.

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VII

O JESU, Lord, remember
When Thou shalt come again,
Upon the clouds of Heaven,
With all Thy shining train,

When every eye shall see Thee
In Deity revealed,
Who here upon this Altar
In silence art concealed;

Remember then, O Saviour,
I supplicate of Thee,
That here I bowèd before Thee
Upon my bended knee.

That here I owned Thy Presence,
And did not Thee deny;
And glorified Thy greatness,
Though hid from human eye.

Accept, Divine Redeemer,
The homage of my praise:
Be Thou the light and honour
And glory of my days.

Be Thou my Consolation
When death is drawing nigh,
Be Thou my only Treasure
Through all eternity. Amen.

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VIII

Hymn to be sung before the Gospel.

LET all mortal flesh keep silence, and
with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for
with Blessing in His Hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary as of
old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in Human vesture in
the Body and the Blood—
He will give to all the Faithful His Own
Self for Heavenly Food.

Rank on rank the Host of Heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth from
the realms of endless day,
That the Powers of Hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At His Feet the six-winged Seraph:
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with
ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most
High!

IX

SWEET Heart of Jesus, fount of
love and mercy,
To-day we come, Thy blessing to
implore.

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O touch our hearts, so cold and so ungrateful,
And make them, Lord Thine own for evermore.
Sweet Heart of Jesus, we Thee implore,
O make us love Thee more and more.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, make us know and love Thee,
Unfold to us the treasures of Thy grace;
That so our hearts, from things of earth uplifted
May long alone to gaze upon Thy Face.
Sweet Heart of Jesus, we Thee implore,
O make us love Thee more and more.

Sweet Heart of Jesus make us pure and gentle,
And teach us how to do Thy blessed will;
To follow close the prints of Thy dear footsteps
And when we fall Sweet Heart O love us still.
Sweet Heart of Jesus, we Thee implore,
O make us love Thee more and more.

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Sweet Heart of Jesus, bless all hearts
that love Thee,
And may Thine Own Heart ever
blessed be;
Bless us, dear Lord, and bless the
friends we cherish,
And keep us true to Mary and to
Thee.
Sweet Heart of Jesus, we Thee
implore,
O make us love Thee more and
more.

X

Light of the World (Elgar).

'LIGHT of the World, we know Thy
praise
The angels and archangels raise
And all the host of Heaven
More worthily than our faint hymns,
Whose jarring sound that glory dims,
Which God to Thee has given.

But Thou didst not disdain to take
Our low estate, or e'en to make
Thy tomb Thy resting place;
So Thou might bring into our night
The dawn of Thine eternal light
To shine upon our face.

Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, is Lord,
But Thou, O Sun of God. Thy Word
Is now our sovereign law.
Therefore we thank Thee, and we pray
Thy Light may shine unto the Perfect
Day
On us for evermore.'

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XI

How lovely are Thy dwellings fair (Spohr).

'HOW lovely are Thy dwellings fair,
O Lord of Hosts! how dear
The pleasant tabernacles are
Where Thou dost dwell so near!

My soul doth long and almost die
Thy courts, O Lord, to see;
My heart and flesh aloud do cry,
O living God, for Thee.

There even the sparrow, freed from wrong,
Hath found a house of rest;
The swallow there, to lay her young,
Hath built her brooding nest.

Even by Thy altars, Lord of Hosts,
They find their safe abode;
And home they fly from round the coasts,
Toward Thee, my King, my God.'

A DEVOTION

Which may be used after the Consecration, or in Visitations to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, or in making a Spiritual Communion.

HAIL! Thou Who in the beginning wast with God!
Hail! Thou Who in the beginning wast God!

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A DEVOTION

Hail! Thou by Whom all things, and we, were made!

Hail! Thou Who didst come down from heaven, and live that perfect life, to show us the way to heaven!

Hail! Thou Who having lived that perfect life and shown us the way to heaven, didst die upon the cross to take away our sins and to remove all obstacles to our following Thee to heaven!

Hail! Thou Who having removed all obstacles to our following Thee to heaven, didst rise again on the third day, and didst ascend into heaven, from whence Thou art sending forth the power of Thy Holy Spirit, to bring us where Thou art!

Hail! Thou Who in Thy Blessed Sacrament art sending forth Thy Power in Thy Precious Body and Blood, to separate us from all sin and to unite us to Thyself!

Lord, separate me from all sin; from . . . . . .

Lord, unite me to Thyself in my vocation; in . . . . . .

Lord, grant that in all I think, or speak, or do, this day, I may fully glorify Thy Holy Name.

C. H. S.

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